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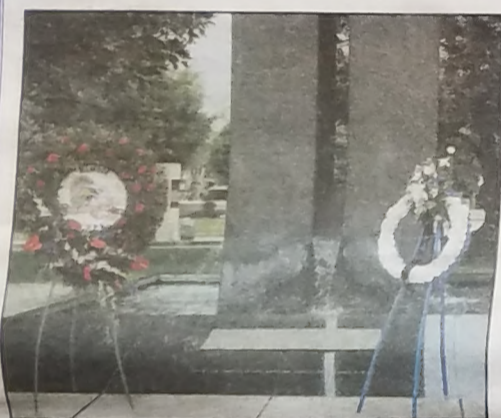
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POLICE MEMORIAL WEEK SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

L.A. CITY Monday, May 12, 1:00 pm, Memorial Monument at Parker Center
L.A. COUNTY Wednesday, May 14, 10:00 am, Sheriff's Training Center - Whittier
STATE Thursday, May 8, 8:00 pm, Candlelight Vigil at State Capitol
Friday, May 9, 10:30 am, Governor's Service at Memorial Monument
NATIONAL Monday, May 12, 8:00 pm, Candlelight Vigil at Judiciary Square
Thursday, May 15, 1:00 pm, President's Service at Capitol Mall *



Los Angeles Memorial Monument at Parker Center



Sacramento Memorial Monument



Washington, D.C. Judiciary Square Memorial

THE MONUMENT

I never dreamed it would
be me, my name for all
eternity, recorded here
at this hallowed place

alas, my name
no more my face.
"In the line of duty,"
I hear them say;
my family now
the price will pay.
My folded flag stained
with their tears;
we only had those few
short years.

The badge no longer
on my chest, I sleep now
in eternal rest.

My sword I pass
to those behind, and
pray they keep this
thought in mind.

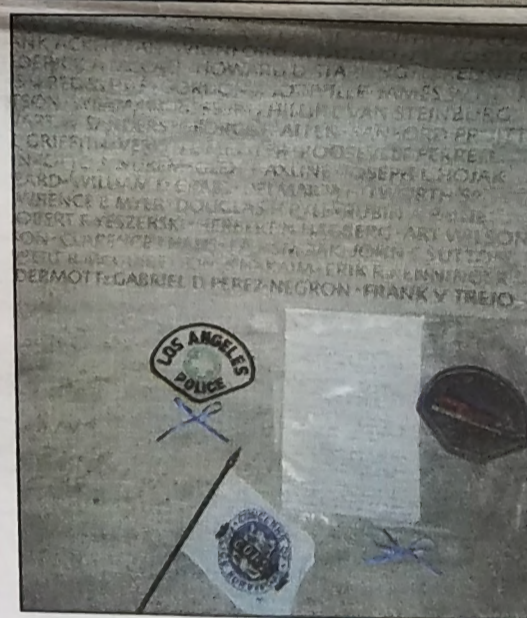
I never dreamed it
would be me, and
with heavy heart
and bended knee;
I ask for all here
from the past, dear God,
let my name be the last.

George Hahn

Retired Sergeant
Los Angeles Police Department



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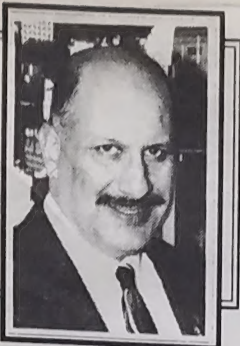


Surviving family members honoring Gabriel Perez-Negron last year at Washington, D.C. Judiciary Square Memorial



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DENNIS P. ZINE
Vice President



Compressed Work Schedule

We keep beating that same old drum over and over again. As another month sails by, the Compressed Work Schedule (CWS) 3/12-4/10 deployment formula remains stuck at the Police Commission. I know that you are all very tired of hearing me tell you that the Commission is still discussing the plan in their weekly Commission Executive Sessions. Unfortunately, that's the simple truth. I have been discussing our concerns about the Commission's stall with individual Commissioners and the need to move the project on to City Hall. I won't give up the campaign for the implementation of the Compressed Work Schedule on a Department-wide basis. That's my unwavering commitment and promise to you.

You can help by calling the Police Commission and expressing your support for the C.W.S. The Commission telephone number is (213) 485-3235. Can you imagine what they will do when they receive thousands of calls from you? Please call. We

must continue to show our united support for the CWS.

City Hall: Municipal Election Results

Mayor Richard Riordan won an easy victory for a second term along with City Attorney James Hahn. We endorsed the Mayor over that old Chicago protester, California State Senator Tom Hayden. This should provide us with a good working relationship with the Mayor's office over the next four years. As far as our City Attorney is concerned, we endorsed Ted Stein, and he lost. Will we have a price to pay for this action? I hope not. Mr. Hahn is a veteran politician whom I believe will be able to put the election aside and get on with business. We will all benefit if Mr. Hahn can understand politics and get on with business.

Mr. Hahn needs to shake up the City Attorney's office and reorganize his civil branch to make it more responsive to the needs of our members and the taxpayers of the City. The City Attorney needs to yank Mr. Nagman's (Yagman) chain and defend our members' actions when

they are legal, authorized, and proper. The continuing spineless attitude of the City Attorney's office by rolling over and settling claims without a fight is wrong. It is wrong for you and for the taxpayers. I hope that business as usual changes in the City Attorney's office over the next four years.

The man who signs our checks, City Controller Rick Tuttle, won re-election along with all incumbent City Councilmembers:

District

- 1 Mike Hernandez won by 58.6%
- 3 Laura Chick won by 81.2%
- 5 Mike Feuer won without opposition
- 7 Richard Alarcón won without opposition
- 9 Rita Walters won by 66.1%
- 11 Run off
- 13 Jackie Goldberg won without opposition
- 15 Rudy Svorinich won by 60.9%

There will be a run off in Council District 11, the old Marvin Braude district, between Cindy Miscikowski and Georgia Mercer. We didn't endorse any of the four candidates in the primary, but we will endorse in the general election.

The departure of Marvin Braude is a blessing for all of us. There is currently just one Councilmember who is anti-police. We all know who she is! Are you listening Rita Walters?

Charter Amendment #3 Passes

The voters of our fine city approved Charter Amendment #3 by 57% with 43% of the voters not supporting the amendment. The important issue for us is

that the measure passed and will be put in effect in the near future.

All Article 35 members will have sufficient time to consider whether or not to change to the new pension plan. The Pension Department is sending information to all members. The passage of Charter Amendment #3 will also provide a significant increase in medical subsidy into retirement. Watch your mail for the information being sent to you by the Pension Department.

Charter Commission

I am happy, honored, and proud to report that I won my race for Los Angeles City Charter Commissioner. This will afford me the opportunity to help change the way Los Angeles does business for the taxpayers and for those who work for the City. I am committed to making Los Angeles government responsive to the people who pay the bills and to those who deliver City services. This is an exciting and challenging opportunity for all of us. I wish to thank those of you who helped me with my Charter Commissioner campaign. Some helped gather signatures while others provided financial support.

The Board of Directors supported my campaign and I thank each and every one of my fellow Directors for their encouragement. Director Ted Hunt served as my Treasurer and provided the assistance of the Political Action Committee.

A sincere thank you to all.

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Secretary



The Delegate's Conference which was held last month had many wonderful speakers. The best known law enforcement speaker among the rank-and-file is Gordon Graham of the California Highway Patrol. Several Delegates were so impressed with Gordon's common sense approach to excellence in police work through training and prevention that they wanted to know if Gordon puts out any other material. Gordon has produced a series of audio tapes. They present strategies on how to stay out of trouble by predicting what incidents get "coppers" into trouble and then

creating regular training to teach officers how to properly handle the high risk incidents. If you want to know more, call his office at 310-986-1226. Ask your Delegate what they thought of Gordon's presentation.

Strategic Planning

Our League is a multi-million dollar business. You are a part owner of that business. I want to report to you that we are running our business using some of the latest technologies and business practices to ensure operational efficiency. One important component is the strategic planning process which involves Di-

rectors, Delegates and Members. The process is based on a text entitled Organization Assessment Workbook which the Board authorized me to write, specifically addressing the purposes and effectiveness of our League. At the recent Delegate's Conference, your representatives examined the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of the League. If you have any input, please contact me at 213-251-4554 or contact your Delegate.

In a move to improve communications, we have taken another significant step forward by creating our own homepage. You can find us at LAPD.COM or LAPPL.COM. Some have asked "with over 2000 new members, where is all of the extra dues money going?" The reality that we have more dues paying members does not take away from the fact that with more members more services are demanded, especially one of the most important and expensive services we offer that of legal representation.

Of particular importance in the Legal Program is the fact that a League attorney is now deployed to represent those in an Officer Involved Shooting where there is a hit or any In-Custody Death.

Another improved use of funds includes the ability to help officers at the moment of extreme and unforeseen stress. For example, on several occasions a scenario such as the following has occurred. An officer and his/her family is threatened and

acts of violence have been demonstrated towards them. If warranted, the Department will deploy one team of officers, usually Metro, to protect the officer's home while a second team is deployed to take the family to a safe haven. But where do they go until they can figure out what to do? Where can they go to get some breathing space? Through DHD, the On-Call Director is telephoned and we may authorize expenditures for temporary lodging and meals.

Another smart business move was to purchase the new building. Just like a home, we expect the building to appreciate in value over the years. But, beyond that, by consolidating everyone under one roof, and by selling the old building, we will have a positive cash flow within one year. A non-profit corporation cannot make money and we will not technically make money. However, we will get outside income to help us improve our building and make other proper expenditures.

Finally, another good investment we have made is to produce a videotape which

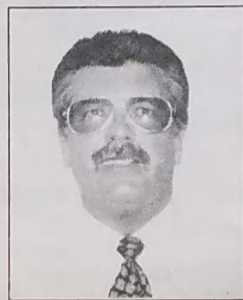
captures many of the moments of heroism of the North Hollywood Bank of America Shoot Out. We understand that the tape is not all encompassing -- it is only nine minutes long. It grasps the essence of that day when LAPD recaptured the shine to our badge. Some of the most pivotal acts of bravery, which have yet to be publically told, are not there. We know who you are and what you did and we honor you. One day we will be able to do so publicly.

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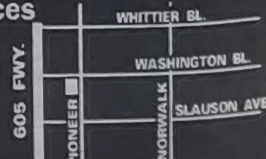


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Administrative Demotions

Did you know that the Chief of Police has the power to demote you without any type of hearing? The Manual outlines a process in which you can be demoted from an advanced paygrade level for just about any reason, or no reason at all, it seems.

Take, for example, a P-III who dared to disagree with his Commanding Officer. The C/O told his troops to do whatever it took to get the Area's response time lower. When the P-III asked the C/O if that meant violating Department policy and State law, the C/O responded, "Do whatever it takes." The P-III respectfully refused. The C/O then told him, "It seems to me that you're not qualified to be a training officer." Soon thereafter, the previously exemplary P-III received several Notices to Correct and a poor rating. He was then demoted administratively from P-III to P-II for poor job performance. His only appeal was a written response to the Chief of Police (who approved

the demotion in the first place). I would call this the taking of a substantial property right (5.5% pay, plus pension value) without any due process. To top it off, the P-III eventually was charged with misconduct, ordered to a Board of Rights, and was terminated. (The officer recently went to Court and had the termination overturned.)

Another example of the arbitrary nature of the administrative demotion process involves a Lieutenant II who supervised an elite Detective unit. With 28 years on the job, this Lieutenant had an exemplary record. Unfortunately, he ran into a little nepotism involving a relative of a highly-placed Command Officer. When the Lieutenant tried to do his job, retaliation ensued against him. The Lieutenant almost immediately was informed that he was being removed from his position in the elite unit and was being demoted to Lieutenant I. When he asked why this was happening, no one could or would provide an explanation as to what he had done wrong, except that his demotion was "for

the good of the Department." Does this sound like due process?

Well, the League believes that this process is incredibly unjust and, most likely, illegal. The League is in the process of filing legal action against this practice to ensure that due process will be provided to our members.

Inspector General

I have been meeting recently with the Police Commission's Inspector General, Katherine Mader. I don't think most officers realize what a tremendous asset she is to our Department and to our officers. Some may think that she is just another level of Department bureaucracy, but you are wrong. I have found her to be independent and very insightful. Her only interest is to create a disciplinary system that is fair and a Police Department that is responsive to the public and to its employees.

In my discussions with Ms. Mader, I have found her to be keenly interested in problems faced by our officers and the inequities inherent in the system. One problem that I recently brought to her attention was the Department's penchant for taking their time in investigating personnel complaints, then providing the accused officer with little or no time to respond. I was amazed how fast Ms. Mader acted. Within two weeks, she had the Department issue a policy statement that required suf-

ficient time to respond to allegations of misconduct.

The Inspector General has intervened in a number of other areas as well. For example, she is concerned that discipline is handed out on issues that should be training only. The Department focuses too much on the minor things and is too light on the major issues of excessive force and discrimination.

Numerous other issues are of concern to her. We may not agree with everything she does or all the positions she takes, but I can assure you that she is well intentioned and is trying to make this a better place to work.

I believe that the League will continue to have a positive working relationship with Ms. Mader. We appreciate the work she is doing.

Inland Blue Line Association

I recently spent the good part of a day with about 200 retired officers in beautiful Hemet, California. The Inland Blue Line Association asked me to speak to them about our new long-term care insurance plan. I also spoke about all the issues of the day, including widows' benefits and medical subsidies. The meeting seemed to go well, and I want to thank Loyd Yandle for inviting me.

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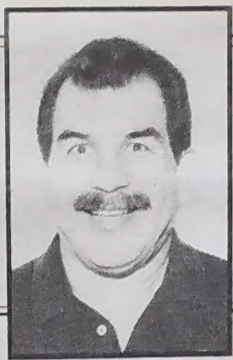
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LENNY MUÑOZ



Compressed Work Schedule

Members of the Los Angeles Police Protective League are overwhelmingly in favor of implementing a compressed work schedule. At the invitation of the Los Angeles Police Commission, the rank and file filled the auditorium of Parker Center a couple of months ago to present their position in favor of a 3/12 plan for patrol and a 4/10 plan for specialized units, including detectives.

For almost three years, your Board of Directors, led by Chairman Dennis P. Zine, has fought hard and long to attain this goal. I firmly believe a compressed work schedule is in the best interest of the Los Angeles Police Department and the vast and diverse community we serve.

Somehow, I fear, the Command Officers Association has convinced the Police Commission that implementation of the C.W.S. will lower the level of service provided by the L.A.P.D. Somehow, the Police Commission feels a Department-wide C.W.S. will hinder community-based policing. What hogwash! The Divisions where the pilot

programs are in effect are, generally, the most successful in community-based policing endeavors. The morale boost provided by the C.W.S. is a tremendous factor in the teamwork enjoyed by police and the community they serve.

Command staff officers, in my opinion, have always been hesitant to accept changes. Please, ladies and gentlemen, listen to your subordinates and their union. The rank and file has embraced community-based policing and feel a C.W.S. will strongly enhance, not hinder, their dedication to the community.

Members of the Police Commission, you are the boss. Don't be misled by some of the deceptive arguments espoused by management. The longer you stall the C.W.S., the less chance it has for successful deployment. Brothers and sisters of the Protective League, remember that euphoric feeling we enjoyed at that Parker Center Auditorium Police Commission Hearing when member after member made strong, valid points to back up the C.W.S.? You could tell we had tremendous impact by the many scowling counte-

nances displayed by those high-level Department administrators who were present. Consider this. Maybe it's time individual officers started attending the weekly Police Commission meetings and express our viewpoints. And, as I urged a few months back, collar your Divisional Captains and ask their feelings about C.W.S. Also, express your thoughts to your C.O. He or she is most likely a member of the Command Officers Association.

Special Election

By the time you read this issue, the campaign to fill the vacancies on the Protective League Board of Directors will be in full swing. The Board has been operating two Directors short and it is vitally important, in the interest of better serving the membership, to have all nine Directorships filled at all times.

The Special Election is intended to fill the unexpired terms of former Directors Bill Harkness and Mitzi Grasso. There are many good choices in the field of candidates. Vote for the candidates you feel have your interests at heart and who will work his/her fanny off for you, the membership.

League Message Line

The League Message Line has a new number. (213) 368-7277 replaces (213) 485-2020. To leave messages or to hear a current update on League news, please call the League Message Line, 24 hours a day, at (213) 368-7277.

Article 35 Pension and Health Subsidy Changes

By this time, all sworn police officers and firefighters under Article 35 should have received a printed announcement from the Department of Pensions regarding the passage of Charter Amendment 3 and its pending changes. Current Director and former Board President Cliff Ruff began pursuit of these changes several years ago and should be congratulated for his commitment to this project. The Pension Department newsletter addressing these issues is reprinted for your edification in the "For Your Information" sec-

tion of *The Thin Blue Line* on page 55.

Yes, Charter Amendment Three passed with flying colors, but don't think it was merely fate or that it was inevitable. There was an incredible amount of hard work, planning, meetings, and know how involved. I was deeply involved in the early stages and know exactly who to thank. Then-President Cliff Ruff made the pension change a top priority League project and enlisted the help of Ken Buzzell, Mike McKosker, and Ed Riveros of the United Firefighters of Los Angeles City. Cliff created an Ad Hoc Committee which included main mover Jim Cansler, and hard-working Committee members Ray Madrid (Hollenbeck), Ann Young (Pacific), Floyd Toledo (Devonshire), U.S. Taylor (O.R.S.), Ken Koch (West Traffic Division), Ray Espinosa (No. Hollywood), Manny Belmonte (T.C.S.), and Tom Anderson (West L.A.). Deputy Mayor Bill Violante was an instrumental figure in getting it done, as were Dave Hepburn and Mitzi Grasso. Thank you all for climbing that mountain.

Officer Needs Help

Trish Bradley, a Special Agent with the F.B.I. in Los Angeles was diagnosed with Hodgkins disease in late 1994. Trish underwent chemotherapy and radiation to kill the cancer cells, but at the same time, it destroyed her body's bone marrow. In an attempt to grow her own marrow, doctors took stem cells from her own blood, but the surgery was unsuccessful. *Trish's condition will turn into leukemia without a matching donor. Please have yourself, family members, and friends tested as a potential match for Trish through the National Marrow Donor Program.*

On May 10, Trish will be at Jimmy's Diner, 596 Mobil Street in Camarillo, where Children for Tomorrow will hold a marrow drive. The goal is to have at least 500 people tested and registered as donors. For further information, please contact

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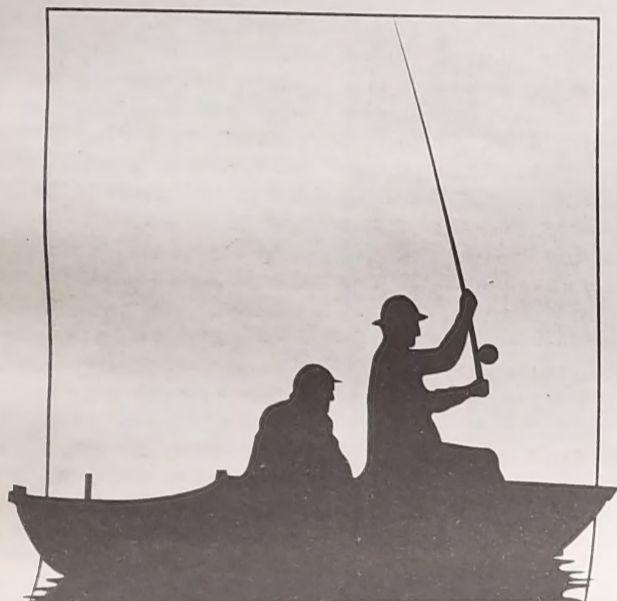
Congratulations to Tim Sands on Defense Rep of the Year

The honor for Defense Representative of the Year for 1996 was recently awarded to Police Officer III Tim Sands of Foothill Division. His selection by the Board of Directors and the honor bestowed at the recent League

Delegate's Conference reflects the respect and admiration Tim has received for his diligent work in representing fellow officers through difficult times. My personal thanks for an excellent job, exceptionally well done.

(Rick Wells is on vacation with his family. His column will resume next month - The Editor.)

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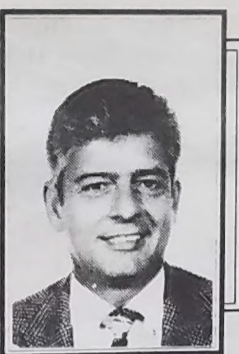
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Domestic Violence Misdemeanor Conviction Update

At the Police Department's request, the California Department of Justice (DOJ) has prepared a report relative to the identification of officers falling under recent federal legislation which prohibits persons who have been convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence to possess a firearm or ammunition, and prohibits the Department from issuing firearms or ammunition to such persons (18 U.S.C. §§921(a), 922(d), and 922(g)). Unconfirmed information indicates that the DOJ's report has tentatively identified many LAPD officers who may be subject to this federal statute. To date, the Department has served two officers with orders to surrender their City-owned firearms because of their domestic violence related convictions.

We have also received information that several commanding officers have taken it upon themselves to require officers under their command to sign disclosure statements regarding any domestic violence convictions. Some of these disclosure statements contain inaccurate and incomplete information. All officers are encouraged not to sign these statements if there are any questions regarding the information that they are required to disclose in these forms. You should call any Director and request a referral for a consultation with me as your attorney and General Counsel. Remember, Government Code section 3303(i) grants any peace officer the right to representation on any matter that is likely to result in punitive action. This is a serious matter which may result in termination of employment as a peace officer. There are legal procedures in place which may be available that may result in the expungement of a domestic violence misdemeanor conviction and we are prepared to offer proper advice and guidance to any officer seeking consultation regarding how to deal with these legal issues.

By way of corrective legislation in Congress, there are two bills which were introduced in Congress earlier this year in an effort to amend this law as it affects peace officers.

H.R. 26 was introduced in the House of Representatives on January 7, 1997 by Congressman Barr (R-Georgia). He was the author of the original domestic violence bill last year. H.R. 26 proposes to amend Title 18 of the U.S. Code by providing that the firearms prohibitions applicable by reason of a domestic violence conviction do not apply if the conviction occurred before the prohibitions became law. Congressional subcommittee

hearings are being held on this bill.

Additionally, H.R. 445 was introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Stupak (D-Michigan) on January 9, 1997. This bill seeks to also amend Title 18 of the U.S. Code by providing that the firearms prohibitions applicable by reason of a domestic violence misdemeanor conviction do not apply to government entities and its employees. It also contains a similar amendment on retroactivity as H.R. 26. This bill is also being heard by Congressional subcommittees. The League will continue monitoring the progress of these bills and we will keep you informed of all future developments.

Superior Court Overturns Two Boards of Rights

This past month separate Superior Court judges overturned two decisions by Boards of Rights which unfairly terminated the employment of one officer and suspended another.

In *John Hill vs. City of Los Angeles, et. al.*, case no. BS032678, Judge Robert O'Brien, Department 85, ordered the reinstatement of Officer John Hill after finding that there was insufficient evidence supporting the conclusions reached by his Board of Rights.

Officer Hill was a 10-year veteran of the Department. On November 15, 1994, he was served with five sustained allegations of misconduct and ordered to a Board of Rights ("Board"). The Board members were Deputy Chief John White, Captain Russ Leach and Ms. Karen Andres. The Department Advocate was Sergeant Sharyn Buck and the Defense Representative for Hill was Sergeant Robert "Bobby" Smith from West Los Angeles Patrol Division. The charges against Hill related entirely to an off-duty civil dispute pertaining to the lease of an automobile and the owner's attempts to repossess the vehicle. The Board found Hill guilty of all charges and recommended his discharge to the Chief of Police. Hill was terminated effective November 14, 1994.

After due consideration, the League's Board Directors concluded that the expenditure of resources on behalf of Officer Hill would benefit the membership as a whole because of the Department's continued meddling in off-duty affairs. Panel attorney Diane Marchant was authorized to pursue a petition for a writ of mandate seeking to overturn Hill's termination from the Department. The matter was first heard by Judge O'Brien on March 12, 1996, who then ordered the Board of Rights to reconvene for further hearing on the sole issue of the discipline of termination. Judge O'Brien found that the discipline imposed on Hill was too harsh because the foundation was too general and it offered insufficient guidelines for standards of conduct.

Well, you would think that the Department Advocate and the Board of Rights were smart enough

to understand what Judge O'Brien was trying to tell them. The Board reconvened as ordered on June 13, 1996. The Department Advocate argued vehemently that the penalty recommendation by the Board should again be that of termination of employment. The Defense Representative argued correctly that the Board should just focus on Judge O'Brien's ruling that the discipline was too harsh and not on Hill's character or past history as they were attempting to do. This was to no avail.

In an amazing statement and apparent challenge to Judge O'Brien, the Chairman of the Board stated in pertinent part, "The Court found the discipline too harsh because the foundation was too general and offered insufficient guidelines for standards of conduct. The Board disagrees. The penalty of termination imposed on John Hill was appropriate." (Emphasis added). Accordingly, the Board once again recommended that Hill be terminated and the Chief of Police adopted this legally flawed recommendation. As a result, the League's Board of Directors was dumbfounded by the arrogance displayed by Department management in this case, and once again approved seeking a supplemental petition for a writ of mandate from the Superior Court to overturn this unfair decision.

We are pleased to inform you that on March 11, 1997, Judge O'Brien granted the petition filed on behalf of Officer Hill. The court authorized the issuance of a writ of mandate ordering among other things, the immediate reinstatement of Officer Hill as a sworn member of the Department with all lost benefits, which included back pay with interest from November 1994 to the present. Our sincere "welcome back" to John Hill and our congratulations to attorney Diane Marchant and Defense Rep Bobby Smith for a job well done!

In *Barry Brooks vs. City of Los Angeles*, case no. BS039750, Judge Diane Wayne, Department 86, overturned a 10-day suspension imposed on Officer Barry Brooks after a hearing by a Board of Rights. The court found that the weight of the evidence did not support the findings and decision to suspend Officer Brooks.

Officer Brooks has been an officer with the LAPD since September 1988. Since 1992 he has had an off-duty job at the Marina Marketplace. On May 5, 1995, Brooks and two companion officers were requested to work at a function in the parking lot of the Marketplace. The request came on short notice. They were scheduled to work at 2000 hours. At approximately 1800 hours, Brooks picked up his officer friends and drove them to Pacific Division Station. Brooks informed them of his need to fill out a work permit. Brooks' friends waited in the station while Brooks filled out the paperwork. While he was filling out paperwork, another officer also witnessed Brooks filling out paperwork. Brooks told this officer that he was filling out work permits.

Three officers watched Brooks take the paperwork when he finished and walk into an adjacent office. They saw him either hand the papers to an officer who was there or leave it at that desk. Brooks does not recall if he handed it to someone or if he left it in a tray. The paperwork was filled out on the 5th, the day they were scheduled to work, because of the last minute notification.

Brooks worked the assignment without incident on May 5, 1995.

An incident occurred at the Marketplace on August 6, 1995, while Brooks was working there. It required a Department response. The officer who responded was a sergeant in Brooks' chain of command. The sergeant saw Brooks at the location and, subsequently, an investigation began to determine if Brooks had an off-duty work permit to work that position. Brooks was not charged with engaging in any wrongdoing in the incident of August 6, 1995. The Department, however, concluded that he did not have a work permit to be working the assignment on August 6, 1995. At the beginning of the investigation, a sergeant approached Brooks and asked him if he had a work permit on file. Brooks said he did. The sergeant told him that he could not find a permit. Brooks told him he had a copy at home. The sergeant asked for the copy. Brooks went home to find it but could not find it. He had moved and the paperwork had been lost. When he could not find the copy, Brooks took another work permit, filled it out and wrote the word "duplicate" at the top. The word "duplicate" has a specific meaning in the Department. It means that the document is a rewritten version of a previously created document. The investigation was concluded. Brooks was ordered to a Board of Rights hearing to determine if he should be disciplined and, if so, what the penalty should be. He was charged with working off-duty without a work permit and making false and misleading statements to a supervisor.

The Board members were Captain R. Pegueros, Captain R. Roulpoli and Mr. J. Campbell. After hearing the evidence, the sworn members of the Board determined that Brooks had worked without a permit on August 6, 1995 and, further, that Brooks put false information in the duplicate work permit filled out on August 11, 1995 in that he used the word "duplicate" indicating he had previously submitted an original. The Board did not believe he had submitted the original. However, the civilian member of the Board disagreed and submitted a minority report stating that he did not agree with the factual findings of guilt against Brooks. The Board then reviewed the officer's history as well as character evidence and recommended a twenty-two day suspension. The suspension was reduced by the Chief of Police to a 10-day suspension.

Upon due consideration of the facts, the League's Board of Directors agreed to support Officer Brooks and assigned panel attorney Susan Silver of the law firm of Silver, Hadden & Silver, to pursue a petition for writ of mandate from the Superior Court seeking to overturn Brooks' suspension.

We are pleased to inform you that on March 28, 1997, Judge Wayne found that the Board of Rights' findings were not supported by the weight of the evidence. An independent review of the record by the court showed that the Department failed to prove that Brooks failed to submit an off-duty work permit and did not have a valid off-duty work permit prior to working at the Marina Marketplace. The Department also failed to show that Brooks submitted a "duplicate" permit in an



WARNING BELLS

by Gary Ingemunson

"Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

- John Donne

There is a knock at your door. It is your day off and it is early. You are mildly irritated because it is interrupting your breakfast. When you open the door you are surprised to see two LAPD sergeants standing there. "We are ordering you to come with us immediately," one says. There are no friendly greetings or smiles. "We are going to downtown Superior Court," you are told. It is a long silent ride. You are taken up the elevator that the DA's use. The sergeants do not want to waste time. They lead you into the court room. The judge is not on the bench, but you see the bailiff stiffen at your approach. His finger moves to a button. You quickly scan the courtroom. Everyone is silent. You do not know anyone, but a figure in the corner who stood up as you entered looks familiar. You have seen his photograph in the Blue Line. Before you can place him, five deputy sheriffs file into the courtroom. As if on a signal, the bailiff now moves towards you. "I need your weapon," he says. He extends his hand. He speaks respectfully, but firmly. The five deputy sheriffs also stand respectfully watching, but ready. You slowly unholster your weapon and hand it to the bailiff. He takes it back to his desk and locks it in a drawer. His fingers again move to the button. A moment later the judge appears.

Remand this officer to custody," he says. "Bail is \$15,000. We will hold the hearing in an hour." The judge looks out into the courtroom over your shoulder. "Did you bring the subpoena record?" he says. You look around. The subpoena control officer for your Division has just arrived. "Yes, your honor," he says. Is it signed?" the judge asks. "Yes, it is." The subpoena control officer hands the subpoena record to the bailiff. "That will be Exhibit One," the judge says to the clerk. The bailiff starts moving towards you.

"Just a minute, your honor, may I address the court?" You now recognize the person moving to the front of the court from his photograph in the Blue Line. The judge allows the League's General Counsel to speak. The events have overwhelmed you and it is difficult to hear and understand the words being exchanged between the judge and your lawyer. The judge is clearly unhappy. Words and phrases break into your consciousness through the thoughts of the pending jail cell flooding into your mind. "Jury time was wasted"-- "Happens repeatedly"-- "If LAPD can't handle this problem, I can." Eventually, the words slow down. The judge's tone reluctantly and slowly changes. Then there is silence. Your thoughts are interrupted by your League attorney's tug on your arm. "We can go," he says, "That was close. Stand by for a personnel complaint, but that is a lot better than being booked."

Booked? For missing court? To borrow a Midwestern phrase from the movie *Fargo*, "you bet." The above story is a compilation, but each element has happened. There will also be a final scene if there aren't changes. That final scene will be the slamming of the cell door on one of our officers.

When you sign for that subpoena, you should hear warning bells. Penal Code Section 177 stands behind that subpoena. Penal Code Section 177 gives the judge the power to slam that cell door behind you. Penal Code Section 178 gives the judge the power to punish you with fines or imprisonment for contempt. Never mind what the Department can do to you, first worry about the Penal Code!

The criminal justice system is a dichotomy of needs. The jury system demands a steady stream of witnesses paraded in front of it for efficient use of its members. This demands crowded hallways of wait-

ing witnesses since no one can predict how long the previous witnesses' testimony will take. On the other hand, law enforcement needs its officers on the street. It needs less overtime spent in largely useless hallway waiting. The compromise solution is the 'on-call' system. The on-call system can work, but it can be dangerous. If you do not understand the rules, you can be in violation. If you understand the rules and do not document your actions, you can be thought to be in violation (and proven to be in violation in some people's eyes).

The rules are complicated. Why they are complicated is not important to Penal Code Section 177. The Manual needs a lot of sections to explain the rules. Read 3/210 through 3/217.50 next time you are waiting in the courtroom hallway. Don't forget Article 6.2 of the MOU and Notice Number 12 of the Office of Operations. There isn't room in this article to discuss the ins and outs of all this verbiage, but that does not mean that it is not important. For instance, did you know that 'on-call' time for Superior Court ends at 11 a.m. while 'on-call' time for Municipal Court ends at 1 p.m.? No? Well, then you better keep your toothbrush in your back pocket.

How can you avoid using this toothbrush? First, realize that the pivot person in this 'on-call' system is the subpoena control officer. He or she serves the subpoena on you (and will deliver the signed subpoena to the judge at your court trial, if necessary) and is charged with the ultimate responsibility of contacting you when the court needs your testimony. Keep in contact with the subpoena control offi-

cer and let him or her know what is going on even if you are dealing directly with the district attorney, city attorney, district attorney witness coordinator, your partner, the defense attorney or your mom. When that call goes out from the court and you can't be located, memories may fail (except for your mom's) under the pressure of Penal Code Section 177. Document, document, document. That means dates, times and names of persons to whom you have spoken. Notes are very helpful when you are trying to explain why you were not in court to a very angry judge. Remember that the ultimate responsibility to monitor your case and keep in contact with the subpoena control officer rests with you.

Subpoena control officers, please remember that your real duty is to keep your fellow officers out of trouble. You also should document, document, document. This may be slightly painful for your fellow officers now, but very beneficial in the long run. Your testimony may save an officer whose documentation is not as thorough as yours. Finally, you have three friends standing by to assist you. The first is Detective Evangelyn Nathan, the Judicial Liaison Officer for LAPD. She understands all of the rules and can be contacted at 213-485-3252. The second is Officer Cecil Turner who is the Department's Subpoena Control Coordinator. He trains and coordinates all those pivot people out there. You can ask him questions at 213-485-4203. Finally, when things have gone very wrong and you are heading towards lock up, call the League. We have spare toothbrushes (which we try very hard not to use).

Be legally careful out there.

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attempt to mislead his superior officers. Accordingly, the court ordered the issuance of a writ of mandate ordering the Department to set aside Brooks' suspension with backpay and benefits, and to expunge all records of this discipline from Brooks' personnel file.

Once again, our sincere congratulations to Barry Brooks and to his

attorney Susan Silver for a job well done!

Command Officers Association Affirms the Independence of Boards of Rights

The Command Officers Association ("COA") is the recognized bargaining association for all LAPD officers of the rank of Captain and above. As such, the COA and the League have always maintained

good dialogues regarding labor issues of mutual concern. The present Board of Directors of the COA is composed of Commander Maurice Moore, Operations West Bureau, Captain Richard Bonneau, Central Area, and Captain James Tatreau, Newton Area.

By letter dated March 19, 1997, signed by all Directors, the COA informed the League of a statement recently drafted by the COA as an affirmation of the independence of Boards of Rights. This statement was forwarded to the League to ensure the awareness by the League and its rank and file members of the COA's position on this matter.

The COA's statement states as follows:

"In response to continuing expressions of concern from our membership relative to the independence of Boards of Rights, the Board of Directors hereby reasserts to its members, Department personnel and the community, the absolute necessity for Boards of Rights to predicate findings solely on the basis of evidence presented. Consideration of unrelated factors, including staff expectations, political consequences, popular sentiment and political correctness, corrupt our established disciplinary system, foster disrespect and sully the meaning of ethical behavior.

This position is underscored by the following passage excerpted from the Introduction to the Board of Rights Manual:

It shall be the duty of the members of the Board to vigorously pursue the true facts of the matter being heard and to return a finding and penalty commensurate with the evidence developed and pre-

sented. This is the avowed obligation of the board to the Department and the public.

Further, Board of Rights Manual Section 363.70 (Evidence Sufficient to Sustain a Decision of the Board) emphasizes and defines the sufficiency of evidence needed to support a finding:

A finding of guilty must be supported by a preponderance of the evidence before the Board. Evidence must be reasonable in nature, credible, and of solid value. Inferences based only on mere possibility, suspicion, speculation, conjecture, or surmise must be rejected.

Conclusion

The Board of Rights Manual and associated City Charter Sections have served all parties exceedingly well for several decades. By judiciously adhering to the provisions in these documents which govern Boards of Rights, confidence in, and respect for, our disciplinary process will be maintained.

It is critical to the health and vibrancy of the Department that Boards of Rights remain free of inappropriate influences and outside pressures."

The COA's position as articulated above is very appropriate and refreshing to the League. We are hopeful that the actions of all command officers as members of Board of Rights will speak louder than their organization's words.

Be careful out there and may you have some quiet times to reflect on the ultimate sacrifice by our departed brothers and sisters during this month's Law Enforcement Memorial Week.

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tion they face in doing their jobs. This despite the fact that they do have the ability to use Department resources to get their word out, including issuing written orders and notices that are supposed to be clearly and universally understood.

Recognizing the problem we have with communications is just the first step. In addition to the new web page we are developing, we will be looking at other ways to get information out to our members. We want to improve the efficiency of the Delegate system and enhance our phone system. Other ideas should be generated during our strategic planning meetings. The whole intent is to better serve our members who depend on us to do our jobs to the best of our ability and to keep them informed about important issues affecting their jobs.

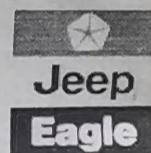
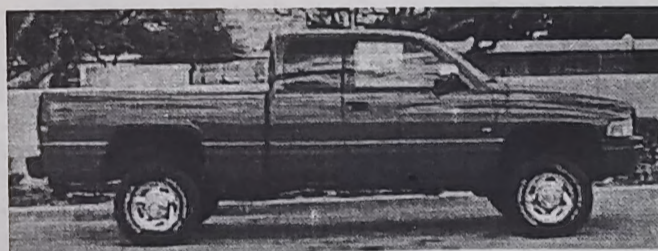
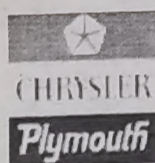
The other area of concern, developing methods of making the union operate more efficiently, will focus on service to our members. We want to make sure we are giving our members their money's worth. We will examine what we do as a union and whether we should modify our services, add new services or eliminate some services. Our union has grown to 9000 strong and the work load has gone up accordingly. We will be focusing on reorganizing how we do business to better serve our membership.

We cannot do business the same way we did when we had 7000 members and fewer issues with which to deal. Not only do we want to do what we do better, but we want to find ways to be more proactive and to make the union's strong presence felt at City Hall and throughout the Department. We need your input. Talk to your Delegate or to one of us here at the League and let us know about your concerns or suggestions for improvement.

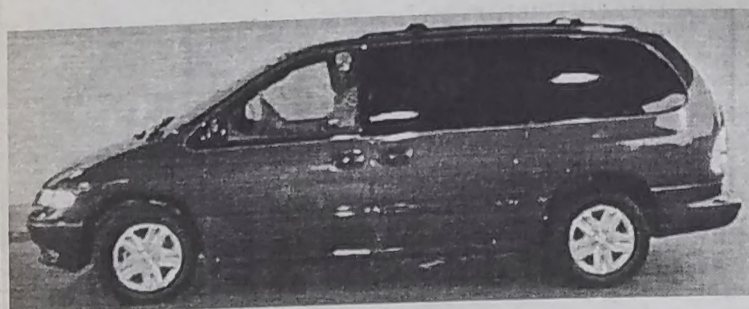
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Delegates Conference

The 1997 Delegates Conference was held in Palm Springs on April 4, 5, and 6. Our dedicated Delegates gained valuable knowledge and insight into politics and related matters. Congratulations to Mitzi Grasso, Dave Hepburn, and the Delegates Conference Committee for a job well done.

Congratulations are also extended to Delegate of the Year, Detective Emmett Badar; and to our two Outstanding Delegates of the Year, Officer Barbara Carranza and Officer Arvin Turner.

The honor for Defense Representative of the Year goes to Officer Tim Sands, and Sergeant Paul Weber and Detective Jim Martin each receive Outstanding Defense Representative awards.

Media Put On Notice

Following a telephone call from a member complaining about a television news report by KTLA Channel 5 Reporter Mr. Warren Wilson, I sent the following letter to the News Director at Channel 5 and to the Federal Communications Commission:

Mr. Dave Goldberg
News Director
CHANNEL 5 NEWS
5800 Sunset Boulevard
Hollywood, California 90028
Dear Mr. Goldberg:

Your December 23, 1996 "News at Ten" broadcast featured a story by Reporter Warren Wilson on the suspect who murdered Los Angeles Po-

lice Officer Mario Navidad. The broadcast was viewed by many of our police officers as a tribute to the suspect and a slap in the face to Officer Navidad and members of the law enforcement community. To say the least, our officers were very offended by the focus of Mr. Wilson's story.

Your news anchors and field reporters are well known and recognized for their professional, responsible, and ethical reporting practices. Mr. Wilson fell short of the KTLA reputation with his December 23rd report.

Very truly yours,
DENNIS P. ZINE
Director/Media Liaison
cc:F.C.C.

I received a reply from the F.C.C. advising me that they are investigating the complaint.

A Simple Thank You Note is Nice to Receive

A Lieutenant was having a major problem receiving money he is owed from the Department. Calls and letters to Fiscal Operations Division did not generate any response from F.O.D. personnel. After receiving a telephone call from the Lieutenant, I contacted F.O.D. personnel and thought that the matter would be handled properly. Unfortunately, I was wrong. The matter was not resolved. A follow-up call to the man in charge of F.O.D. prompted F.O.D. personnel to get off the dime and investigate the matter. I was happy to help with this situation, and received the following thank-you letter from the Lieutenant:

Dear Dennis:

Thanks for your help. I've had a bunch of calls from F.O.D. They all seem to want to fix things -- once you called them.

Lt. L.R.

P.S. We're lucky you're there.

Motorcycle Information

As a service to our motorcycle-riding members, I will publish upcoming

motorcycle rides and related information. If you would like your motorcycle event published in the *Blue Line*, please send me the information. Remember...always keep it on the rubber...

July

12 LAPD Motorcycle Officer Reunion at the Harbor Range. Cost is \$25 per person. For additional information, contact Beryl Bourne, Jack Dugan, Doug Myers, or Jim Williams at (213) 893-8124.

15 Exceptional Children's Foundation 1997 Beach Ride. Detective Rick Lopez is coordinating the ride for L.A.P.D. personnel. L.A.P.D. members will meet at the Academy and ride to San Buenaventura State Park and Beach in Ventura. The ride will include food, a beach party, the Gregg Allman Band, and much more. The entry fee is \$20. For additional information, call Detective Rick Lopez at (213) 485-8569 or page him at (213) 968-6292.

August

24 Downed Officer Support Ride. An 80- to 100-mile poker run will benefit our very own L.A.P.D. Family Support Group. The ride will begin at 0800 hours at Accessories Unlimited at 24508 Lyons Avenue, Newhall. The ride will conclude at the Melody Ranch Western Movie Set where the California Fantasy Cheerleaders will be on hand along with a live band, lunch, and other



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activities. For additional information call (805) 255-6522.

Detective Bob Oswald wants to remind you that the "Choir Boys" Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club is a non-profit, fraternal organization. Membership is open to active, Line Reserve, and retired peace officers who own and ride a Harley. The Choir Boys host and participate in charity fundraising events and fun runs on a regular basis. Anyone interested in further information, meeting location, or future runs, is encouraged to call Detective Bob "Ozzy" Oswald at (818) 292-0412.

Chapter IV of the "Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc." is accepting new members. Membership is open to active, retired, and reserve officers. All types of motorcycles are welcome.

Chapter IV covers Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. The group meets and rides on the fourth Sunday of the month. For further information, call retired LAPD Officer Jerry Boen at (909) 988-6056.

Attention Harley Riders

If you need an honest and experienced Harley mechanic, I have one for you: Steve at Casey's Motorcycle Shop, 10249 San Fernando Road in Foothill Division. Phone number (818) 896-3319.

Dates to Remember

May 10 is the Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament at Rancho Park. Show your support for the Police Memorial Fund by attending the event. Many stars and a fun day.

May 11 is Mother's Day. Please remember your mom. She loves you and made this life possible for you!

May 15 is National Police Officer Memorial Day. Remember our fallen officers in your prayers.

Wear your Blue Ribbon during the month of May. Show support for our profession and our brother and sister officers.

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Children for Tomorrow at (805) 987-6935, or to be tested at your local donor center, call the National Marrow Donor Program at (800) MARROW2. See donor schedule on page 49.

Retired Association Barbecue

The Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association, Inc., will hold its annual barbecue this month. It will be held at the Grace Simon Lodge in Elysian Park, Los Angeles, immediately following the business meeting on May 7, 1997. Tickets are five dollars each and include b-b-q steak or chicken, salad, beans, beer, soft drinks, popcorn, cookies, among other things. Cash and gifts will be raffled. For more information, call (818) 285-5138 or (213) 283-4441.

Police Memorial Week

May 15, 1997 is National Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the entire week surrounding this solemn day of remembrance is devoted to honoring those dedicated and brave police officers who have given their all for the communities they serve. Memorial services are planned

on a local, state, and national level.

In Washington, D.C., the "COPS" organization (Concerns of Police Survivors) and the Fraternal Order of Police have a week-long schedule of activities between May 10 and May 16. Seminars and tours for survivors will be conducted, but the highlights include the Eighth Annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Judiciary Square on Monday evening, May 12, at 8:00 p.m., and the Sixteenth Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Day Service held at the Washington Mall with President Clinton as the keynote speaker, to be held on Thursday, May 15, at 1:00 p.m. All officers killed in the line of duty in 1996 and their surviving families will be honored at these events.

The State of California will also honor officers slain in 1996, along with their families. A candlelight vigil from the State Capitol to the Memorial site will be held on Thursday evening, May 8, at 8:00 p.m. The next day, Friday, May 9, at 10:30 a.m., a tribute will be held at the California Law Enforcement Memorial Monument.

The Los Angeles Police Department will have its observance on Monday, May 12, at 1:00 p.m., at the Police Memo-

rial Monument in front of the Police Administration Building at First and Los Angeles Streets. The Los Angeles Sheriffs Department will also host a memorial service at their training facility in Whittier, California, at Telegraph and Colima Roads. This will be held on Wednesday, May 14, at 10:00 a.m.

The local departments arrange their tributes to honor officers who have fallen in the line of duty from May 15 of the previous year to the present. As a result, the Los Angeles Police Department will add the names of Mario Navidad and Van Derick Johnson to the Memorial Wall. Please try to attend at least one of these services to honor our brother officers.

Tragedy

On March 18, 1997, we lost Pacific Division Police Officer Kevin Gaines in a tragic incident. Please remember Kevin and his surviving family in your prayers. Remember Kevin as he was...a good husband and father, a good friend and partner, and a good police officer.

Also, please remember Frank Lyga in your prayers. He, too, is a good husband and father, a good friend and partner, and a good police officer. Please don't

pre-judge or second guess what occurred. What happened was extremely tragic. For assistance in dealing with this tragedy, please contact the League's counseling provider, Managed Health Network, at 1-800-227-1060 or the Behavioral Sciences Section at (213) 485-2620.

Mystery Photo

No one correctly identified last month's mystery photo cop. Some strange guesses included retired Chief of Police Daryl



Gates and retired Captain and currently Chief of Police of Torrance P.D., Joe DeLauderantey. Check out this month's photo and try your luck. Thanks for participating.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Letters to the Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Letters must be limited to 350 words or less. Deadline information can be found under 'Editorial Policies' on Page 2 of this issue.

Dear Fellow Officers:

I am a sergeant at North Hollywood Patrol Division with 18 years on the job and I need your assistance!

My son Matt is trying to fulfill his life's dream of coming on the Department, but he was recently disqualified during his medical examination for color vision deficiency. He is, of course, appealing the disqualification. It would help Matt, my wife and I more fully understand all the subtleties and com-

plexities involved in this situation and therefore better prepare his appeal if he could hear from those of you who have gone through this experience. We are asking for any Los Angeles Police Officer, active or retired, who was medically disqualified for color vision deficiency and who won the appeal, to contact us at home at (818) 284-8134. Your consideration and support for us during this exasperating time is very much appre-

ciated. If there is anything we can ever do for you, we're there.
Roy Ballesteros, #22307

Dear Editor:

Gary Fullerton was right on the mark regarding the "use of force" review boards. It is in the interests of all officers to get personally involved in anything that involves liability or the possibility of discipline. If you don't understand the process, seek out someone with the experience to assist you.

When I was involved in my first OIS, a couple of years ago, I was a little naive and really expected my patrol CO to look after my interests. Boy was I wrong.

After the board, I was counseled by that same CO for poor tactics - apparently he told the board that he "thought" I was going to go in a foot pursuit of a possible armed suspect and split up from my partner. Of course, this did not happen and there was absolutely no evidence to offer this supposition to the board. According to this particular CO you are apparently accountable for not only what you did but what you might have done.

Had I attended the board I could have assisted the board in making a more judicious decision rather than relying on the flawed rationale of this particular CO.

The overwhelming majority of management are fair and impartial. Their main criteria when reviewing an officer's actions is to seek the truth. You are the only person who can protect your own interests.

Bill Heard
Wilshire Division

Dear Editor:

This letter is to thank the many who were concerned with my well being after my accident. I am a D-1 working Narcotics. Back on June 4, 1996, we were on a surveillance when it hap-

pened. I was trying to get a better view of the suspects across the street so I went onto the roof of the building in front. The roof collapsed and I fell approximately 17 feet and landed on a very hard cement floor.

My coworkers took very good care of me until the ambulance arrived. At the time I did not know how badly I was hurt. As it turned out I had a broken back and two badly broken wrists. I was taken to Holy Cross Hospital where they took excellent care of me. I want to thank Chief Williams for taking time off his busy schedule to see me that evening. I also want to thank the following people: my immediate supervisor, Steve Miller; my coworkers; Assistant Chief White, for his phone calls and visits to the hospital; and to all the other folks that were there that were concerned enough to show up to the hospital; the Protective League; the Relief Association; the Police Memorial; and the medical liaison unit. There are too many names to write down so I am throwing a big thank you to all of you: **THANK YOU VERY MUCH.**

Very special thanks go to my two doctors: Dr. Quinonez, who took care of my back, and to Dr. Roth, who took care of my hands. Thanks to both of them. I shall return to full duty on May 26th, almost a full year from the date of the accident. I am looking forward to going back to work, and I want to tell you all that when anyone of us gets hurt, the LAPD family comes out in numbers to take care of you. Thank you all for the phone calls and visits.

A couple of more thanks and then I will be done. The one person I could not have gone through my ordeal without is my wife, Carmen. Without her I would have been lost. She is truly a remarkable lady for taking care of me and for putting up with all my stuff. I love her with all my heart. Thanks Carmen.

One other thanks goes to God, because it is a miracle that I was not hurt even more. People were telling me that I should have been paralyzed, but I knew that God was going to take care of me and He did

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NAME: Norman S. Willick #6300
RANK: Policeman II
ASSIGNED TO: Central Division
BORN: December 9, 1922
APPT: May 1, 1949
RETIRED: July 5, 1972
DIED: October 25, 1996
* * *

NAME: Fred East #2430
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: Detective Headquarters
BORN: January 1, 1916
APPT: July 10, 1941
RETIRED: July 10, 1961
DIED: December 26, 1996
* * *

NAME: William I. Davis #4693
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: Central Division
BORN: October 25, 1925
APPT: July 1, 1947
RETIRED: September 22, 1967
DIED: January 23, 1997
* * *

NAME: Billy G. Malone #5006
RANK: Investigator III
ASSIGNED TO: Robbery Homicide
BORN: January 15, 1920
APPT: October, 1947
RETIRED: October 31, 1967
DIED: February 1, 1997
* * *

NAME: Vernon Armstrong #2689
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: Traffic - TED
BORN: June 26, 1917
APPT: February 2, 1942
RETIRED: April 5, 1962
DIED: February 5, 1997
* * *

NAME: Robert A. McCabe #4613
RANK: Policeman III
ASSIGNED TO: Communications
BORN: December 22, 1923
APPT: June 16, 1947
RETIRED: June 21, 1975
DIED: February 7, 1997
* * *

NAME: Harold J. Nanney #3561
RANK: Police Officer
ASSIGNED TO: Foothill
BORN: February 28, 1920
APPT: September 23, 1946
RETIRED: February 24, 1972
DIED: February 14, 1997
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NAME: Foster A. Moore #5398
APPT: February 16, 1948
RETIRED: February 28, 1968
DIED: February 17, 1997
* * *

NAME: Richard Bruce "Pat" Terry #6720
RANK: Investigator III
ASSIGNED TO: Bunco-Forgery Division
BORN: November 4, 1922
APPT: June 1, 1950
RETIRED: June 17, 1978
DIED: March 22, 1997
* * *

NAME: John A. Barber #3315
BORN: March 22, 1916
APPT: August, 1946
RETIRED: August 28, 1966
DIED: February 28, 1997
* * *

NAME: Charles L. Smith #6472
RANK: Lieutenant I
ASSIGNED TO: Jail Division
BORN: November 8, 1922
APPT: September 16, 1949
RETIRED: September 17, 1974
DIED: March 11, 1997
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NAME: Glen R. Mozingo #6168
RANK: Police Investigator I
ASSIGNED TO: Southwest Division
BORN: October 20, 1924
APPT: March 16, 1949
RETIRED: June 23, 1974
DIED: March 14, 1997
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NAME: Kevin L. Gaines #27590
RANK: Police Officer III
ASSIGNED TO: Pacific Division
BORN: February 6, 1966
APPT: April 23, 1990
ACTIVE
DIED: March 18, 1997
* * *

NAME: Richard C. Kersey #4213
RANK: Policeman II
ASSIGNED TO: Venice Division
BORN: May 24, 1920
APPT: February 19, 1947
RETIRED: June 12, 1956
DIED: March 19, 1997
* * *

NAME: Thomas McGhee #5758
RANK: Sergeant I
ASSIGNED TO: Southwest Division
BORN: January 26, 1926
APPT: June 28, 1948
RETIRED: June 29, 1978
DIED: March 22, 1997
* * *

NAME: Todd R. Androvich #11825
RANK: Investigator I
ASSIGNED TO: Personnel Division
BORN: November 14, 1942
APPT: February 3, 1964
RETIRED: November 18, 1974
DIED: March 25, 1997
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NAME: Charles F. Scroggins #4919
RANK: Police Investigator I
ASSIGNED TO: Police Commission
BORN: March 14, 1918
APPT: September 1, 1947
RETIRED: September 1, 1972
DIED: March 30, 1997
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NAME: Lynn E. Reid #6038
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not fail me. Even in adversities we should be thankful. I thank God because this year off from work has helped me get closer to Him and my family. My wife, my kids and I are closer than we have ever been. I would have rather taken the time off in a different manner, but everything has worked out just great.

Once again, THANK YOU ALL.
Meliton Orozco,
D-1 Narcotics

Dear Editor:

I retired from the department in 1985 but not a day has gone by since my retirement that I haven't thought about the job and many times wished I were still working with my fellow officers and friends. Over the years I have experienced the same range of emotions and thoughts -- everything from elation, pride, and honor for our street cops who conduct themselves with dedication, honesty, and restraint on a daily basis without recognition from the community -- to frustration, fear, and anger about the way our fine department has been picked apart and demoralized by politicians, lawyers, and others with scurrilous and money motivated agendas. I think most retired personnel would agree with me that it is more difficult to deal with the frustration and anger when retired, and in my case separated from the events by time and distance, than it was when I was still an active member. At least if one is still an active member affirmative action can be taken to try to correct the conditions and perceptions firsthand, up close, and personal.

Otherwise, the only recourse is to maintain faith in the type of people who make up the vast majority of the Department and try to educate unknowing people about the difficult, dangerous, and misunderstood aspects of being a police officer today in Los Angeles.

I would like to tell the officers of the LAPD that even during the department's darkest days in the last few years, the majority of law abiding citizens, police officers, and military personnel I have had contact with have held the department in high esteem. Other police officers understand the rigors and dangers of the job, and most of them experience political interference in varying degrees -- some to a much greater extent than in L.A.

I saw the news media coverage of the North Hollywood bank robbery and resulting police response from the east coast. I am not hesitant to say that our officers' heroic actions brought tears to my eyes and a lump to my throat. My heart swelled when some of my coworkers (ex-military people with combat experience) expressed disbelief when our outgunned street cops, many of whom I'm sure had no prior military experience or preparation in their training to handle this type of "low intensity unconventional warfare," not only refused to surrender the battleground but took effective action to contain the criminals and ensure the safety of the citizenry at great danger to themselves.

I understand that this single event has caused a groundswell of much-needed support and recognition for our department. It is long overdue. Unfortunately, sometimes it takes this kind of a cataclysmic event to bring people to their senses and make them appreciate that mostly invisible protective blanket

that has always been there, but is rarely acknowledged by the powers that be or the news media.

Regarding the bank robbery, it should be a wake-up call for the politicians and citizenry alike. We were very fortunate. It could have been a true disaster with a great loss of life. The ONLY reason it wasn't was due to the high caliber of the men and women of the LAPD. This was yet another example of good people with resolve and courage overcoming superior firepower in the hands of vicious criminals.

In conclusion, I want to thank all of the officers who have kept the faith over the years in the face of great adversity. God bless all of you and keep you safe.

Bud Graves, 11743
Sgt. (Retired)

To the Editor:

Here in northwest Arkansas, it's tough to keep up with events at LAPD unless they make national news, so I always look forward to receiving my copy of *The Thin Blue Line*.

The March edition, however, hit me between the eyes. Van Johnson's memorial picture on the cover brought back memories of one of the most outstanding officers I ever worked with in eight years as an LAPD Reserve. Van was a consummate professional, a warm and decent guy and a great credit to the Department. Guys like him don't come along every day and I know he will be greatly missed.

It's frustrating to be at this distance and not be able to do anything more than write a short letter in Van's memory. Thanks to *The Thin Blue Line* for letting me know of his passing.

Regards,
Larry Ash
Johnson Arkansas Police
Department #12

Dear Editor:

Welcome to "Sue's roller coaster" of emotion! Whew!! Within a week I have witnessed my "LAPD family" be revered as heroes because of your innate ability to deal with the bad guys; have read that our Chief may sue the city for \$3 million if a contract that expires soon is not renewed; and, have lost a friend to gunfire. L.A. Sheriff's Deputy John Thompson was killed last Tuesday -- a loss to Angela, her children who also loved John, his fellow deputies, family and that wonderful extended family of the ice hockey team, the Bullets, comprised of LAPD and LASD officers... "brothers and sisters."

This is not about me. This is about each and every one of you who pin on that badge and strap on that gun, committed to going out each day to help each other "fight the good fight" so that you can go home each night knowing that you've made a difference. Not everything that happens to you on your shift will tell you that. Many things, events, people will tell you just the opposite. YOU know that you're a valuable member of the team. YOU know that there are so many citizens who appreciate the job you do and how you do it, with honor. YOU know that you've received the best training you could have to do the job you do. Most importantly, YOU know that this is the only job you would ever want and that YOU ARE PROUD TO BE AN OFFICER WITH LAPD.

As a private citizen, I thank you. As an LAPD survivor, I hug you. I am proud of you. Continue the battle and be careful out there!

Sue Champe

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the officers at Pacific Division, I would like to thank Dave Hepburn, Cliff Ruff and Lenny Muñoz for attending and showing their last respects at the Kevin Gaines funeral. This showed a lot of class from the League's Board of Directors.

The funeral services were held at the Crenshaw Christian Center. The ceremony was solemn and was highlighted by the eulogies given by Kevin's different partners from West L.A. and Pacific Divisions. Kevin was then interred at Inglewood Cemetery.

Kevin was a special guy and a friend to everyone at Pacific. He is sorely going to be missed.

Sincerely,
Jorge F. Torres, #23590
Pacific Division

Dear Editor:

Our "esteemed" attorney general has ordered a civil rights investigator of the shooting of the robbers by the SIS Division. This appears to me to be nothing more than political. In my opinion LAPD should vigorously resist this investigation. Chief Williams should personally hold a meeting of all involved officers and advise them "non-cooperation" with federal investigators unless they are armed with a court order. In fact, the way things are going, I would hesitate to cooperate on anything with the Feds.

Sincerely,
J. R. Robertson

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to a chain of events that has recently occurred in regards to the Baker-Vegas run. I am a Certified Designated Level 1 Reserve Police Officer with seven years

on the job. My six years of field assignments have all been in Operation South Bureau and I am presently assigned to OSB CRASH.

A few weeks ago I ran to qualify for the South Traffic/OSB Homicide (OSB CRASH does not have a team) Baker-Vegas Team. I qualified for a place on the team, paid my money and received my team t-shirt. Shortly after that, team captain Harold Hills was informed by Chuck Foote that I could not run on any divisional team because I was a Reserve. Needless to say, I was very, very upset and contacted Sgt. 2 Nick Titiriga of the Reserve Coordination Section. Nick contacted Chuck Foote who offered the following reasons a "Reserve" couldn't run on divisional teams, reasons which I will address. Sgt. Titiriga, also asked Chuck Foote for a copy of the Baker-Vegas rules. Chuck did not, at any time, provide the sergeant with a copy of the rules as asked.

They have to be sworn. Under 830.6(a)(2) PC, I and the over 300 other line reserves on this department ARE SWORN. We have full peace officer powers as long as we qualify under PC 832.6(a); which all LAPD lines reserves do.

They have to be paid. While we are not, technically, paid, we receive a monthly stipend. Where is the documentation of that rule? Chuck has not produced that once to anyone that I know of. Retired officers have a

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team and they are not paid, so why can they run?

In Texas, they can just deputize somebody in one day and they could put in ringers to run on the team. Well, guess what? This isn't Texas. This is LAPD. We ARE peace officers, not ringers.

They have their own team. Yes, there is a Reserve team, but there is also a women's team and they have the option of running on that team or their divisional team. Reserve officers are assigned to divisions just as female officers are.

The bottom line is: The State of California designates myself and other line reserve officers as P.O.S.T. certified peace officers. The city of Los Angeles, through Special Order #7, dated April 1, 1994, gives Designated and Certified Designated Level 1 officers "...the full powers and duties of a peace officer as provided by Section 830.1 of the penal code."

I and my fellow Line Reserve Peace Officers put our lives on the line on the streets of Los Angeles FOR FREE because we WANT TO, not because we have to. Reserve officers are assigned to divisions or specialty units just like any other officer and we work side by side with other officers yet we are told we can't run on divisional running teams, nor can we compete in the Police Olympics. Why is that?

As of the above date I have obtained a copy of the 1997 Baker Vegas rules and have noticed the "catch all" sentence on page 4: "...they (race directors) may handicap teams by restricting their selection pool of runners, selective invitation, or denial of participation for specific reasons...." It seems Chuck is falling very short of the cam-

radierie and teamwork aspect of LAPD when it comes to its sworn Reserve Officers.

After six years total time at 77th Division and OSB CRASH, I thought and I know I am part of the South Bureau Team. It was a very sad day for me when I had to give my team t-shirt back, particularly, when I knew that there was no reason I should not be able to run on my bureau team. I am dealing with my disappointment and my anger at some of the neanderthal mentalities on this department in regards to Reserve Police Officers. This is not the end of this issue for me. I hope a proper resolution can be worked out in the near future.

Bernardine (Bernie) Donato
CDL-1 Reserve Officer,
OSB CRASH

(Editor's Note: The Board of Directors of the LAPPL has nothing to do with the rules and policies governing the challenge cup relay. Associate membership in the LAPPL is available to LAPD Reserves and they have always been welcomed in the hospitality suites provided by LAPRAAC and the LAPPL.)

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is a check for \$10. Maybe you can put it toward a fund for better weapons. I'm a widow and cannot afford more. I sat and I cried as I watched my TV the other night. I don't know how you can get yourselves up to go to work each day. I wanted to put my arms around each of you and tell you it would be alright, but I don't think it will -- for a long time.

Anyhow, thank you for protecting us. I wish you well.

Shirley M. Frank

Dear Editor:

Recent incidents in Newton involving off duty and plain clothes officers have made it evident that some of us need to be reminded about what our demeanor should be when confronted by uniformed patrol officers. Too often over the years

I have witnessed the blatant disregard for the first tenet to be applied in such situations; that no matter what your rank or position, or how obvious you believe your identification to be, you absolutely must do what you're told, and should present as professional a demeanor to the officers as you would expect to be presented to you.

If, after your actions illicit a police response, you confront the officers with aggressive behavior, verbal assaults, and failure to comply with their directions, then you have either forgotten your patrol roots or you have never learned the survival skills required of a good street cop. When you confront officers with such behavior, you trigger all of the "flags" that their experience and training have instilled regarding diversionary tactics that suspects have frequently used against officers everywhere. Additionally, you may not be privy to recent crime information regarding police imposters, as was the case in Newton.

Remember that patrol officers have a right to go home safely at the end of their shift, and, to that end, they necessarily must feel in control and safe before de-escalating from an aggravated initial contact. Also remember that until de-escalation occurs, they are the ultimate authority at the scene, no matter how special you think you are.

Sincerely,
Tom Gandara III

Dear Editor:

The Honorable
Civil Service Commission
City of Los Angeles

It is with utmost concern I address this letter to you to express my displeasure and disappointment with the police lieutenant promotional examination process (hereinafter referred to as the "examination").

I am a tenured police sergeant and first-line supervisor assigned to patrol duties. For the following reasons I believe the examination was a detriment to the opportunities of all first-line supervisors assigned patrol duties to become police lieutenants. The concept of fairness and equity was not fully considered in formulating and implementing the examination.

First, the examination was based on the "supervisory capacity" of several non-patrol candidates being questioned. There were also unresolved allegations of improprieties by several non-patrol candidates involving the problem-solving exercise and their rehearsed responses to hypothetical scenarios. Three candidates who were subjects of a personnel complaint investigation worked for Internal Affairs Division (IAD). It is interesting to note that 18 IAD investigators placed high enough on Human Resources Bureau's "Tentative List - Police Candidates," dated March 20, 1997, to make lieutenant. One cannot help wondering if the three IAD investigators shared the confidential examination materials with others. A random survey of the names and whole score rankings of the first 25 candidates on the list of those eligible to make police lieutenant revealed 70 percent or more were assigned non-patrol duties. Thus, as presented in the report of the Independent Commission on the Department, dated July 9, 1991, the examination reinforces in the minds of first-line patrol supervisors that candidates must leave patrol to have any realistic chance of advancing within the Department.

Second, the examination offered first-line patrol supervisor candidates no review of the various examined areas. Candidates were given no feedback which they could use to improve their performance. Candidates were provided no review of the written or multiple-choice questions. The essay was advisory and provided candidates no feedback of their ability to communicate effectively in writing. The problem-solving exercise that asked candidates to respond to hypothetical scenarios as a lieutenant had individual scores with as much as 20 point disparity. Consequently, candidates were left confused about their ability to effectively respond to actual situations they are likely to encounter not only as police lieutenants, but as first-line patrol supervisors. The personnel folder review provided candidates no information on the established set of guidelines upon which the ability to perform as a police lieutenant was based and left candidates with the inability to improve their work performance or promotion potential.

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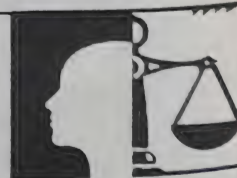
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Finally, I believe that the examination/learning interaction is a mutual responsibility of the examiner and the candidate and the responsibility for the interaction has to be shared by all the individuals involved in the examination process. Towards this end, I ask that the examination be invalidated, that all unresolved questions involving the "supervisory capacity" and rehearsed responses to the hypothetical scenarios be answered, that an examination/learning interaction process be implemented, and that all candidates be re-examined. This is the only true way to protect the integrity of the system.

I commend my concerns and recommendations to your earnest and prompt consideration.

Respectfully,
Bobby Smith, Sergeant
West L.A. Patrol Division
West L.A. Community
Police Station

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to thank you and the other League Directors who voted and approved to pay for the transcripts my attorney needed to review my Board of Rights case. It was a great help to me especially at this time that I am going through some of life's turbulence.

In the middle of February this year, my mother passed away. About the same time I had two serious personnel complaints. One of the complaints had six allegations that were thoroughly investigated. The investigator determined that none of the allegations occurred based on the accounts of several independent witnesses. Luckily for me the six allegations were UNFOUNDED.

The other personnel complaint is now before a Board of Rights. The irony is that at the approximate time on February 28 that I was being relieved of duty, my nephew that lives with me was being fired from his job. It has been a tough year so far.

Your assistance in paying for the transcripts was a BIG help and it renewed my hope that good things may still happen to me.

I'd like to mention also that my representative from ORS (Officer Don Lint) has been working tirelessly to ensure that I am well represented. He has given up his personal time (day and night) which he could have spent with his family to ensure that a thorough and fair investigation is conducted to clear me, a hardworking Los Angeles Police Officer.

I just want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,
Officer Daniel Odoh
Wilshire Division

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for your concern, generosity, thoughts, and prayers. To know that there are people like you supporting my colleagues and myself helps tremendously in my recovery.

My wounds are healing and I should be back to work soon. Again, my deepest heartfelt gratitude.

Thank you, Sincerely,
James Zboravan
North Hollywood Division

L.A. Times

Dear Editor:

Javier Rodriguez H. wrote a commentary for Column Left on March 20 titled "A Latino, Yes, but Not From Inside LAPD". In his commentary he seems to categorize Latinos as good Latinos and bad Latinos, specifically that if Latinos are in the LAPD they must be bad Latinos. All non-LAPD Latinos therefore are good Latinos. How simplistic a rationale and how insulting to all the Latinos that risk their lives everyday for the citizens of Los Angeles. A few of which have recently died doing their job.

I'm an LAPD officer born in Brazil. Since I'm from a non Spanish speaking country in South America, am I a bad Latino twice over, Mr. Rodriguez? I digress, let me stick with the issue at hand. Mr. Rodriguez

wrote: "...Now, the appointment of a Latino chief would be a positive step in terms of Latino advancement and self-esteem..." Does Mr. Rodriguez really believe that my self-esteem or that of any other Latino in Los Angeles depends on whether or not a Latino is the chief of police? Does he truly believe that we need symbols in order to feel good about ourselves, instead of being proud of our own achievements? Mr. Rodriguez seriously underestimates Latinos both inside and outside the LAPD, if that's what he thinks.

I was a member of La Ley some years back, but decided to leave the membership for personal reasons. I felt that being a police officer in the city of Los Angeles demands that I be objective and sensitive to the feelings and needs of ALL of the city's citizens, so that I can provide the best service possible in an equal and non-preferential way. It's for this reason that I don't belong to any organization that uses race, ethnicity, or gender as an identifying label. I feel that we spend too much time looking for answers to the question of "what's in it for me?" in this country, instead of just doing our best everyday to make this country better.

La Ley nonetheless is a great organization and does a lot to foster better officers within the LAPD. Officers of all ethnicities and gender. Not being a member of La Ley, I still cannot allow Mr. Rodriguez to criticize La Ley because it doesn't condemn the things Mr. Rodriguez thinks it should, or doesn't think the way Mr. Rodriguez thinks it should. Latinos are not automations, Mr. Rodriguez. The can form independent thought and make decisions on their own. Mr. Rodriguez also called the Protective League "conservative." It's like calling the American Civil Liberties Union "liberal". It's pointless. Unless labels are all that matters.

Mr. Rodriguez further wrote: "Yes, we do need a Latino police chief in Los Angeles, but we require one with vision, sensibility and respect for the human

rights of all Angelenos." I think Mr. Rodriguez means we need a "good" Latino police chief. One who thinks like him. We all know that the LAPD only has "bad" Latinos, so that can't be. At the bottom of Mr. Rodriguez' commentary it describes him as "a writer and longtime activist in Los Angeles." Since I know what a writer is, I decided to look up the definition of "activist" in Webster's Dictionary. It defines "activist" as an individual who favors, incites, or demands intensified activities, especially in time of war. Given the definition of the word, I feel foolish for taking the bait.

Sincerely,
Andre' Belotto

Dear Editor:

On February 28, 1997, North Hollywood Area became involved in an unusual occurrence when a bank take-over robbery, by heavily armed suspects, went sour. A tactical alert was called for Operations Valley Bureau.

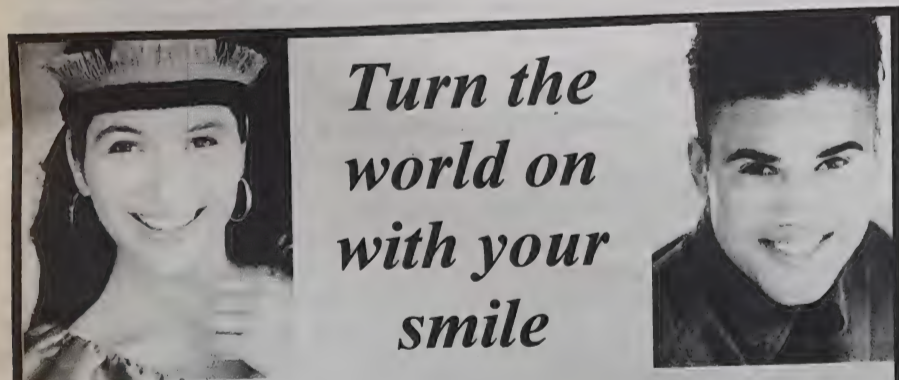
During this ordeal officers stayed at their assigned posts for as many as ten hours. Officer Raymona Moussa #32298 of Devonshire Patrol Division noted this situation and alerted her husband, Maurice Moussa. Officer Moussa's husband took it upon himself to display his support of the Los Angeles Police Department by bringing several large pizzas for the officers on the perimeter. After his arrival he observed that the number of officers was more than he originally planned. Then he unselfishly returned to his place of employment, Little Caesar Pizzas, and returned with (30) thirty large pizzas.

This outpouring of support by Mr. Moussa should not be overlooked. His display of generosity and his concern for our officers was motivated by his desire to say "Thank you officers for protecting our community".

Mr. Moussa is a loving husband and a devoted citizen. Mr. Maurice Moussa is commended for his actions and applauded for his caring support of our officers.

Floyd Toledo, League Delegate
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



WTD'S WESTSIDE STORY

by Tina Nieto
West Traffic Division

Arrivals/ Promotions/ Congratulations

WTD says a fond farewell to Sgt. **Geoffrey Taylor**, our PM AWC. Geoff leaves us to join the ranks of Valley IAD. Geoff was overheard telling all the other WTD supervisors how lucky he was to be sent to the Valley because he loves to sit in rush hour traffic for two hours each way. Lucky Geoff!



Community Traffic Services Unit. (L to R) Top row: Chuck Lovold, Pat Bradshaw, Arno Moyens, Jerry Siel, James Wallace. Bottom row: Rich Bryson, Pat Beighley, Rick Harper, Harry Winston, George Caulford, Denny Huddleston, John Gidowski, Roy Langheld.

We also saw the return of Sgt. **Beth Adams** to our family at WTD, and new CI investigators **Jay Froboese**, **Greg Peterson**, and **Kevin Royce**. Welcome to all!

Only on the Westside

Recently **Jerry Siel** and **Arno Moyens** deployed the "dummy" car in an effort to work a traffic complaint location. When the two officers returned to the "dummy" car, it had a note on the windshield which read: "I could show you a good time if only you would stop ignoring me. If you want a good time, call me." It was rumored later that after realizing how easy it was to get a date, both Jerry Siel and Arno Moyens took turns sitting in

the vehicle for long periods of time with blank vacant stares on their faces. If you know either of these guys, you realize the blank vacant stare comes natural. However, the

mysterious note writer never returned to the location. Better luck next time guys.

Pat Beighley and **Harry Winston** on another occasion parked the "dummy" car in front of a school in Pacific Area. The principal of the school later complained to the officers that the police officer in the black and white vehicle was very unfriendly. The principal waved to the officer several times and the officer didn't wave back. Gosh how rude. Luckily for both Jerry Siel and Arno Moyens they were on a day off, so we eliminated them as possible suspects.

Other Happenings

While parking his motorcycle at the gas pumps, Sgt. **Roy Langheld** leaned it over on its kickstand. The only problem was he forgot to put the kickstand down. The motorcycle fell over and whipped Roy off of it. The engine wasn't even running. Would somebody teach him how to park a motorcycle.

Tony Pennello was driving his motor down the street when he smelled chicken in the air. Tony has a great sense of smell and loves



Tony Pennello and "Gladys", a 190 lb. tiger, and co-stunt performer.

fried chicken. He decided to follow his nose to the source. Unfortunately for Tony, the smell was coming from the roadway. A truck hauling old grease from Kentucky Fried Chicken for disposal had accidentally leaked the toxic chicken grease on to the roadway. As soon as his motor entered the toxic grease zone, his motor went one way and Tony went the other. Tony is a stunt performer in his spare time, and claimed to leap from his motor, complete a somersault in the midair, and land on his feet unscathed. Witnesses at the scene claimed Tony just landed on his bottom.

John Graham Traffic Extraordinaire

Congratulations to **John Graham** on receiving West Traffic Division's Officer of the Year award. John has been a Los Angeles Police Officer for over 26 years with 23 years working in Traffic Collision Investigation. John assisted in



P-3 John Graham receiving an award for Officer of the Year from David Abeyta, the manager of the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, at a Hollywood C-PAB meeting.

forming West Traffic Division in 1979. He has received numerous community awards and commendations. He is a member of the SCID Team, and one of the best training officers in the division.



John Graham receiving Officer of the Year award from Captain Gary Williams.

Thanks for all the hard work and effort!

The Rules of Addition

During a discussion about a personnel issue between AWC Sgt. II **Oscar Winslow** and Motor Sgt. I+II **Paul Fitzpatrick**, Paul pointed out an overlooked aspect of the rank structure on the LAPD. Paul informed Oscar that he out-ranked him, because he was a Sergeant III. Oscar exclaimed, "There's no such thing as a Sergeant III." Paul calmly answered back, "You're a Sergeant II, and I am a Sergeant I+II - that adds up to three. I out-rank you." Hey do the math, I agree with Paul.

Keep the rubber side down and until next month, be safe! *

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Van Nuys Happenings

by Bob Rose
Van Nuys Division

Everyone is still talking about the big bank shootout in North Hollywood. Van Nuys' own **Martin Whitfield** is now home and doing as well as can be expected. **John Goodman** smashed his knee pretty good diving for cover, but is now back to work. It seems the Valley Body Shop may need a fifty gallon drum of body putty to plug all the holes in Martin's shop. One look at the police vehicles involved and it makes you realize how lucky we were.

Oscar Cansino proved that Murphy's Law works in Van Nuys. He dropped his flashlight at a call and it rolled right into a storm drain. See photo. Good move Oscar.

Van Nuys Area is growing by leaps and bounds. A hearty welcome to **Mitzi Grasso** and **Maria St. Pierre**, new PIII+1's and a welcome addition to our Senior Lead Office. Speaking of SLO **Ron Carpenter** went pig hunting up by Paso Robles. A 200 pound porker went down. Wow, that is a bunch of sausage and bacon. Ron stated that it reminded him of his younger days hunting the Brontosaurus with those BIG sticks. New PIII's include **Mark Allen**, **Michelle Lemons**, **Ron Allen**, and **Sonia Monica**. Congratulations to all! We have so many fresh new faces here, I can't remember them all. Give me a break, I'm old. But to all welcome to the heart of the Valley.

The Van Nuys Area Softball Team made its much anticipated appearance at the pre-season tournament. We won our bracket with wins over Southwest, Central and DSD. We lost our first playoff game



Oscar Cansino - "I found my flashlight, but it's yucky down there."

to Northeast 20-13. The team, under the astute leadership of **Randy Hoffmaster** and **Vic Sua**, is looking forward to the upcoming season. Must mentions at bat: **Todd Patino** - .909, **Roy Brown** - .692, **Mark "Convict" Barnes** - .692, **Glen O'Shea** - .636, **Tony Avila** - .714, and **Jeff "Pursuit of Happi-**

ness" **Monroe** .833. As a team we batted .566. Not too shabby. Great job by all!

The running team has completed its tryouts and our 20 speedsters are preparing for the Baker to Vegas Relay. **Marcella Sandy** is doing an A+ job organizing the runners and **Mark Kelly** is whipping the all-important support group into shape. As one who has been abandoned in the cold, dark desert,

drew was born January 24, 1997, to equally proud parents Michelle and Eric. I'm still one up on Ron. I've got three grandchildren and, of course, mine are cuter. My wife and I just completed our 37th year of marriage -- can't find anyone else that will put up with me.

The Department's increase is affecting Van Nuys in a big way. We barely squeak by with radios, vehicles, lockers, etc. and we can't even begin to squeeze everyone into our parking lot. Most have decided that it may be easier to park at West Valley Station and walk. On the plus side, it is nice to have so many shiny badges around when something goes sour.

Richard Powers and **Benjamin Herskowitz** were involved in directed patrol investigating M.S. Gang related crimes in the area of Fulton Avenue and Vanowen Street on 2/12/97, when they observed a vehicle stop at Fulton from westbound Vanowen. A male jumped from the vehicle and began running northbound on Fulton as the vehicle fled the location at a high rate of speed. The officers followed the male and observed him holding a cross shaped crowbar over the head of a cowering man as the man was presenting his wallet to the armed suspect. The officers quickly tactically deployed and took the suspect into custody without incident. The suspect was booked for one count of attempt robbery. The officers were commended for this outstanding observation arrest of an armed felony suspect.

See you all next month with news of Baker to Vegas and much more in store.

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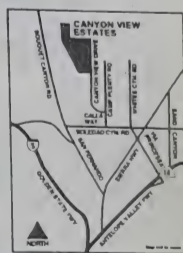
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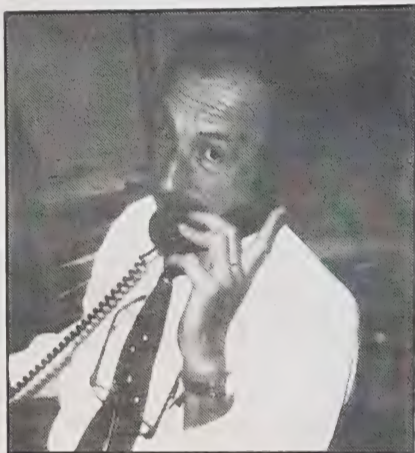
Southern Tip

by Alley Cat
Harbor Division

Sometimes *The Thin Blue Line* wears very thin. When officers look around and see all the bad things going on, they wonder, "Will I ever make it through 20 or 30 years of police work." Yes you will. I have to mention the North Hollywood caper, it should make every one of us proud to be a Los Angeles Police Officer. The blue suiters and detectives alike stood their ground and never gave up. I would just like to say what a truly heroic job you all did and a big congratulations from Harbor Division. We are all members of the big LAPD family, but we are also family members of our divisions. We work and play hard together. Our families grow up together and we make friendships that will last a lifetime.

Double kudos go to **Roland (Rolo/Frenchy) Drouin** for his award. His was named "Detective of the Year" at Harbor Division. He has been on the job for 29 plus years and has been a detective for 20 years. He has worked varied assignments and even a stint at

Metro. He still works hard and puts the bad guys in jail. He knows the good and bad people of Harbor. This has led to some of the best robbery cases around. When Frenchy gets on your tail, stand by, it's only just a matter of time before you hit the



Rolo Drouin.

bucket. One little tidbit the young officers could learn from him: "how to treat people." When you're at Harbor Detectives make sure and say hello to the tall, debonair robbery detective. Oh yeah, I forgot you

might find him anywhere, roller blading around the parking lot or pushing the pedals on the stationary bicycle, just outside the weight room. He is a health fanatic.

When this article hits print, **Vickie Magee** (P-1), "I think I'm off probation" will have had her 2nd and last baby. The officers of the day watch had a baby shower in the coffee room for Mrs. Magee. When she walked into the room, I thought she was going to have the youngster right there. She has worked up to the last minute and is due at any time. She will attest to the back strain. Breaking news as I write this article, she and Luke (husband/LAPD) just had a future Centurion football player, Luke, Jr., 8 lbs. 14 oz., 22 inches long, at 8:00 a.m. this morning. Congratulations to the proud parents. Oh, I can't forget that we still have a few running around the station that are due in the next few months. I'll keep everyone posted on the new arrivals as they happen.

Here we go again with the movement of the young and the old. We lost a group. Sgt. **Nick Lisi** to Rampart, P-3+1 **Sue Leskera** to Metro, P-3 **Chris Labriola** to Rampart, two new P-2s, **L. Ferreria** to Wilshire, **K. Collard** to WLA. Welcome to the new mates aboard the Harbor ship, Sgt. **R. Arteaga** (WLA), Sgt.

J. Ferguson (N/E), and the foot soldiers, **T. Shelley** (Hollenbeck) and **J. Brugger** (Personnel).

The commendable copper caper has to go to 5A15, Officer **Coffey** (P-1). He, along with his old salt P-3, were involved in the termination of a vehicle pursuit that ended in the Ports O' Call Village. The bad guy (273.5PC suspect) decided he didn't want to go to jail. Clad only in his blue speedos, jumped into the channel and tried to swim for the great escape (Terminal Island prison). The sharp-thinking officers called the United States Coast Guard and were able to board the ship without falling off. They navigated the big ship channel, found the suspect treading water and still unwilling to give up. The USCG are quite capable boat handlers and were able to keep the suspect swimming in circles. Young Officer Coffey was laid over the side of the boat, with his partner hanging onto his gun belt. The skipper of the Coast Guard did a miraculous job of keeping both the blue suiters from falling overboard, by steering the boat to the suspect. Only with the assistance of the Coast Guard personnel was the suspect taken into custody without injury or drowning by all involved. When the suspect and officers were back on dry land, he was turned over to Bell P.D. The next time an incident like this takes place, would you please tell someone you can't swim, Officer **Diot**.

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77th Street

by Sgt. Andrew Smith
77th Street Patrol Division

March was another busy month for the men and women of 77th Street, the "All American Division."

P.O. III **John Radtke**, a permanent fixture in the 77th Street CRASH Unit, has been striking fear into the hearts of 77th Street gang members for years. John earned a well-deserved reputation among 77th Street gang members and officers alike, for being a professional, no-nonsense officer, dedicated to putting crooks in jail. John spent years on the streets of 77th, gathering gang intelligence, making quality arrests and putting the most notorious and dangerous gang members and law-breakers in 77th behind bars where they belong.

John is currently working CRASH Detectives and his latest batch of arrests is a testimony to his outstanding work. Radtke learned of a series of robberies in the east side of 77th Street Area. With his extensive expertise in the "Swans," a local blood gang, John surmised that these villains might be responsible for cowardly crimes like these. Within a few weeks, he had put together a case and identified a dozen of the suspects. Sixteen search and arrest warrants were served and all of the suspects were captured, along with guns and evidence. John will be leaving 77th for Central Area due to a well-deserved promotion to sergeant. I'm sure any 77th Street gang member that John hasn't put in jail yet will be breathing a small sigh of relief. We hope

to see Sgt. Radtke back at 77th Street soon.

This month 77th Street proudly salutes the 77th Street Athlete of the Month for March, Capt. III **Richard Gonzales**. Capt. "G" or "The 77th Flash" as he is known by



77th Area Captain Richard Gonzalez "March '97 Athlete of the Month" crosses the finish line ahead of the pack.

the 77th Street Running Team, earned the coveted "Athlete of the Month" title by his year-round support and participation in 77th athletics. The captain attends nearly all of the 77th Street basketball and baseball team games throughout the year, and supports all of the athletics in 77th. But supporting athletics alone is not enough to receive the honor of Athlete of the Month. You must be a well rounded and respected athlete. Capt. "G" is both.

Capt. "G" is a member of the "Power Pigs" weight lifting team,

and participated in the latest bench press contest. He earned valuable points for the championship 77th team.

Capt. Gonzales carried the torch with the 77th Street Running Team and 77th Street Explorers in the recent Special Olympics Torch Run through 77th Street Area.

He was a key member of the 1996 Baker to Vegas team, and was instrumental in 77th Street's 5th



77th Street Running Team.

place finish in 1996. Last week, Capt. "G" qualified for a spot on the 1997 77th Street Baker to Vegas team ahead of a pack of four probationary police officers. Several P-1s later said that they could have "passed that old guy," but none of them could work up the nerve.

Earlier in the month of March, Capt. Gonzales participated in the Camp Pendleton Mud Run with the 77th Street team. After the obstacle course was over, he needed a few days of bedrest, a visit to the doctor and a prescription for pain relievers...I'm told he should be walking normally in a couple of weeks.

All kidding aside, 77th Street recognizes the leadership, support, and the athletic example of Capt. III Richard Gonzales, and salutes him as the 77th Street Athlete of the Month.

Officer Safety Notice

Recently 77th Street CRASH officers have come across several newer model vehicles (Porsche and Lexus) that have been used to transport narcotics and weapons. The suspects had removed the "air bags" and installed hidden switches to open the empty compartments. Another vehicle was found out-fitted with a fake center console that could only be opened by passing a mag-

net over the front of the stereo equalizer. Remember, use extreme caution when approaching these vehicles, and con-



Left to right: Sgt. Keith Davis, P-3+1 Perry Griffith and Sgt. Krong Ma.

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NoHo News

by Adolfo Godinez
North Hollywood Division

Well it's been a little over two months since the infamous Bank of America robbery in our division and things are almost back to normal. Most of those injured are back to work (with the exception of **Stuart Guy**, who is still at home sipping a cold cerveza in front of the tele. His leg is still healing and it will be a while before he can contemplate doing a 10K. His femur is being held by a titanium rod which probably has more alloy than my



At the 8th Annual North Hollywood PALS Golf Tournament (left to right) Cliff Ruff, Stuart Guy and Dennis Zine.

#3 driver! Oh well, just keep on healing and hurry up back buddy. Oh, and if you want, call him at home and share a kind word or two. I'm sure he'll appre-

ciate it. Stuart did manage to show up for a Kodak moment at our PALS Golf Tournament last month and looked a lot better. Nice beard buddy.

Speaking of the golf tournament, the accompanying action freeze photo was taken by our



Debbie Potter wondering "What the heck???"

staff photographer, **Jerry Theaker**, of what looks like an upcoming golfer in the women's PGA. SLO **Debbie Potter** put

so much force into her drive off the tee that, well, the ball was obliterated into a zillion molecules. The accompanying picture illustrates the point much better. She should have used a Titelist... (Actually we replaced the real golf ball with an "exploding" powder ball in case you are still wondering how did she do that.)

Well we here at North Hollywood like to unwind and relax when we aren't busy shooting it out with bank robbers and the



W. Iddhi, Gabe Colon and Todd Bilbo ham it up on Karaoke Night at Dimples.

like. On a recent night, Sgt. **Iddhi**, **Gabe Colon** and **Todd Bilbo** decided to try their hand on the karaoke. Woody gave the Thai version, Gabe sang back-up in Spanish and Todd rounded it out in English. And from that pained expression on Todd's face, he must be hitting some pretty high notes there.

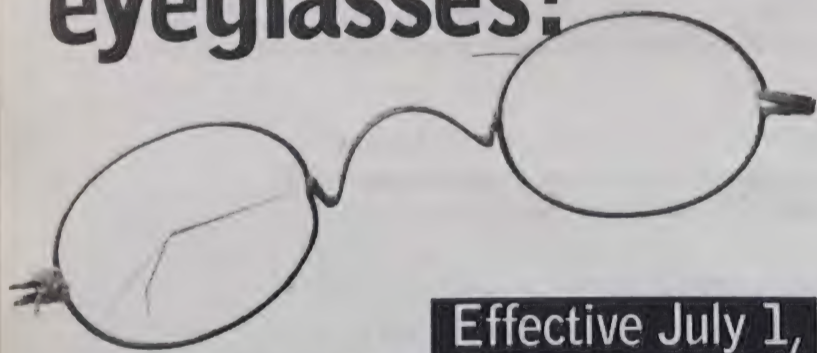
As I write this, Baker to Vegas is a few days away. Team captains **Nancy Reeves** and **Ed Brentlinger** are running around at mach speed trying to tie up a few loose ends and make sure all the runners have their gear. By the time you read this, however, the result will be in and the preparations will commence for next year. So good luck!!

1.20 Changes

The birthday stork made a few runs at North Hollywood and graced us with some beautiful new arrivals. Officer **Janette** (Jay) **McChesney** has a new boy named Austin who is now mama's pride and joy. Officer **Paul Waymire** has a new beautiful girl named Sydney who will probably be keeping him busy when he's not working morning watch. And Det. **Tim Shaw** also has a new addition, a beautiful baby girl named Alexa Rae. Congratulations all of you new mommies and daddies, and I'll make sure to cut out some extra "Huggies" coupons in the Sunday paper for you guys...

As a final note, kudos go out to our own PACE Officer **John Marsden** (15 PAINT 1) who aided in the apprehension of outstanding narcotics suspects who had earlier eluded our FES detectives. Not only is he doing an outstanding job on our graffiti problem, he still has time for some bad guys! What a guy. Well, that's all for now. I'll see you next month.

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B.A.D. News

by Lou Koven
Burglary Auto Theft Division

I have just returned from the League Delegates conference which was held in Palm Springs. I have the utmost confidence in our Board of Directors and I can see that our future is in good hands. I have volunteered to be BAD's alternate Delegate. If you don't know, BAD's two Delegates are **Ben Lee** (PAWNS) and **Keith Jackson** (TRAP). If you have any questions about something that's going on within the League you can feel free to approach either one of these representatives or me. The Directors are buried under and sometimes there can be a delay on one of them getting back to you, it's not that they don't care, they're just very busy. The best route is through your Delegate first.

Some of the topics that were discussed were the MOU, the North Hollywood Shootout, Mental Health Care and Behavioral Sciences, Workmen's Compensation issues and Strategic Planning. The guest speakers included Lt. Gov. Gray Davis, Assemblyman Hertzberg, District Attorney Gil Garcetti and CHP Lt. Gordon Graham. All of the topics were relevant and well presented. The speakers sounded sincere and interested in our input. Mr. Garcetti opened up to our questions at the end of his speech and many detectives put his feet to the fire regarding problems between our two agencies (LAPD and the D.A.'s office). Mr. Garcetti took notes and promised he would address our concerns. It's time for the Police and the D.A.'s office to work together and not have an adversarial relationship. Mr. Garcetti spoke very

highly of the handling of the Ennis Cosby case. Both Lt. Governor Davis and Assemblyman Hertzberg indicated they would like to work in closer cooperation with us. If you have never heard Gordon Graham speak, it's truly a unique experience. His topics are important and he is on the cutting edge. Gordon speaks on Police Litigation, Training and Risk Management. When you talk to a room full of cops about the above subject matter you better be entertaining, Gordon Graham lives up to that. He is the Comedy Central of Police Risk Management, but his point comes through loud and clear. I purchased a six-pack of his cassette tapes on a variety of subjects the first time I heard him speak about five years ago. I would be willing to loan them out to anybody in BAD who is interested. The new MOU books should be out soon, but your League delegate has a copy if you need to see it.

New Additions

This last month was busy for babies at BAD. **Chris Brazzill** (TRAP) and his wife Lori have a new baby boy, Cody Michael born on March 25, weighing in a 7 lbs. 11 ozs. Also in TRAP, **Luke Magee** and his wife **Vicki** (Harbor Division) on April 2, had a baby boy, Luke, Jr. weighing 8 lbs. 14 ozs. Congratulations to both families and best of health to two new members of the LAPD/BAD family.

Harley Mania

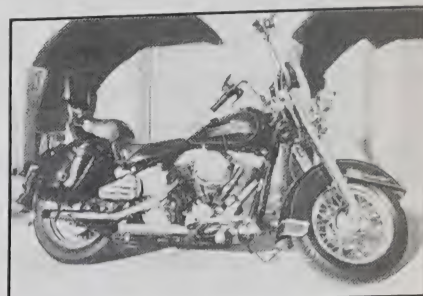
Several months ago I wrote about **Jesse Corral's** trip up north on his Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Well it seems that quite a few other BAD Detectives have either purchased or cur-

rently own Harley's and are proud of them. Pictured in the article are two Harley's which belong to BAD Detectives **Dennis Cicioni** (PAWNS) and **Troy Bybee** (BSS). Dennis recently spent his entire next year's pay raise on chrome do-dads and goodies. Dennis owns a 1990 Heritage FLSTC Softail Classic. Troy is pictured with his wife **Yolanda** (Hollenbeck Dets.) on their 1997 Heritage Softail during a trip to Las Vegas last year.

Lightweight Kudos

You have probably heard the old question, "What weighs more a ton of lead or a ton of feathers?" Well recently

boys go out to **Dave Anderson**, **Jim Battle** and **Tom Mann** on their recent recovery of 4,500 pounds of aluminum



Dennis Cicioni 1990 Heritage PLSTC Softail Classic, complete chrome and misc. do-dads.



1997 Heritage Softail trip to Vegas September 1996.

the Metal Theft Unit handled an investigation involving the theft of a large amount of aluminum. We're not talking about somebody's trash can full of cans either. The Metal Theft Unit at BAD handles the theft of scrap metal which can amount to some serious bucks! Atta

ingots. I was there and believe me this was the heaviest aluminum I've ever ran into. If you have any questions regarding scrap metal thefts contact BAD's Metal Unit at (213) 485-2524.

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WINGS & ARROWS OF CTD



by Sal Flamenco
Central Traffic Division

Already we're getting a lot of registration forms in for the August 24, 1997 "Cops for Tots" car show, which will be held at the Police Academy. So mark your calendars for the 24th and come and enjoy the show. Or better yet, load up the kids in your hot rod or muscle car and head on down to the show. Last year we had a great show, but this time, the 2nd annual "Cops for Tots" car show will be something to really see. I anticipate to see some of the Southern California's best looking cars and bikes. Remember this year we have included motorcycles and trucks. Well, see you there. I'll remind you again before the actual car show. So get those machines ready and come to the show.

Helping the Children

As you remember, Central Traffic Division, last year had its first annual car show, which benefited the Children's Hospital Bone Marrow Transplant Unit. CTD was able to hand over a check to the hospital for \$11,154.80, plus toys and gifts for all the children. Because this event was implemented for the kids at the Bone Marrow Unit, CTD, after issuing the check to the hospital, was able to set aside some funds for continuing assistance to the children during the year.

In March of 1997, CTD received a letter from Children's Hospital explaining a situation that had occurred at the hospital. It seems that a father of one of the children at the Bone Marrow Unit had to buy medication for his son. It was necessary for the medication to be purchased immediately, yet the family had no money to make the purchase. So the hospital turned to CTD and asked for help.

CTD was able to respond to the request, using the funds that were set

aside. We were able to issue the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit a check for \$1,000 to assist the family in need. All personnel working CTD should be very proud of this gesture for this is what police work is all about, helping people. I'm very proud that we had a great car show which gave us the opportunity to be in a position to assist those that are less fortunate. Good luck to the families of the children patients at the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit and again thank you to all of the members at CTD. You have made this possible.

FATS Training

In the month of March, Central Traffic Division and Central Patrol both put on the FATS training seminar, which was held at CTD's conference room. I'm sure glad that this type of training is finally being used by the Traffic Division. It seems that all of our personnel enjoyed the training.

This training involves perception, alertness and decision making on the part of the officers.

The officers are put into a dark room and a big movie screen is activated. The screen displays various lifelike scenarios in which the officers must react to the given situation, which will or could require the officer to shoot or not to shoot. This training keeps the officers real sharp on their awareness skills.

Who's In and Who's Out at CTD

We're getting three new traffic officers at CTD: P-2 Officer **Zeeman**, #32235, comes to us from 77th Division; P-2 Officer **Irvin**, #30461, arrive from Newton Station; P-2 Officer **Rojas**, #32125 comes from Southwest Division. Welcome to CTD. You'll have much fun here. It's a great Division.

This time we only have one person leaving us at CTD: P-2 Officer **Bonilla**, #30211 will be going to Wilshire Division as Veteran P-2. Good luck over there; we'll miss you here.

News From Way Out West BIG "10"

by Debbi Friedman
West Valley Division

What's been happening in West Valley you ask? Lots of great things. All of you, detectives and officers, have absolutely been doing an excellent job. So sit back, relax, take a load off and read about you and your partners in crime. But just before we get to the good stories let's first welcome and say "howdy" to five new West Valley additions. They are Sgt. **Jim Abbate** from Rampart, Sgt. **Alan Hamilton** from Hollywood, Sgt. **Todd Hankel** from Rampart, Officer **Joe Ramirez** from North Hollywood and probationer **Jennifer Freeman** from where else, the Academy. Is it just me or does something seem unbalanced here? Three sergeants and one probationer? Well, all but one training officer will at least have a break. Welcome aboard and we hope you enjoy it here; it's a great division!

Now it's time to say "bye-bye" to a few of our partners who are leaving. Sgt. **Mike Akana** to West L.A., Officers **Geno Colello** to Rampart, **Joel Flores** to Hollywood, **Jim Galbraith** to Devonshire, **Steve Gomez** to Devonshire, **Sonia Grace** to Hollywood, **Kelli Stallings** to SID, **Thomas Townsend** to Devonshire, Dets. **Debra Michel** to DHD, **Jim (Long Hair) Flynn** and **Dave (Hook-em & Book-em) Jacoby** to Narcotics Group. Sorry to see ya all go. Enjoy your new assignments and divisions. Just remember, you can always come back.

Ready for our great copper capers? Here is a super observation arrest. Talk about being in the right place at the right time. Approximately one week prior to this arrest, Officers **Holst** and **Biggs** took a rape report. They were given a description and name of a suspect. While interviewing the victim it was revealed that the suspect was a delivery guy for one of the local newspapers and his route was right here in West Valley. The victim further gave suspect vehicle information. While Officers **Holst** and **Biggs** were doing their thing, snoop'n and poop'n, they observed a vehicle that matched the same description which was used in a rape. The suspect in this rape, by the way, was armed with a handgun. **Holst** and

Biggs stopped the vehicle and during their investigation they ID'd the driver of the vehicle as the rape suspect. They also located the suspect's loaded .380 semi-auto handgun in the suspect's jacket pocket, the same jacket he wore during the rape. Geez, looks like another bad guy bites the dust and gets a free ride to the pokey. Really breaks your heart, doesn't it? Great Obs work guys!!

Here's another outstanding observation arrest. Officers **Callan** and **Mousseau** initiated a traffic stop. During their approach to the vehicle they observed the driver to hide an unknown item inside his vest. Officers searched the suspect and recovered two shotgun cartridges. Please Lord, let me find that shotgun!! Guess what? A sawed-off 12 gauge, pistol grip, "Mossberg," pump-action shotgun was found under the driver's seat, but that wasn't all that was located in the vehicle. Officer **Mousseau** also recovered gunpowder and an eight inch pipe bomb that was capped on both ends with a fuse protruding from the center. Think **Mousseau's** heart stopped beating for a mere 60 seconds when he saw that pipe bomb staring him in the face? The suspect was taken into custody without incident but ya know what the fool's statement was? He admitted that he was going to place the bomb next to a gas meter at a particular apartment building and blow it up. Someone surely must have angered this guy, wouldn't you say? See what a simple traffic stop can get you! I love it!! Good work, and to everyone else who had great copper capers, keep up the outstanding job and stay safe.

For all of you that know me, I'm not one to gossip, but, rumor has it that West Valley's desk boss, **Leo McNamara**, is very seriously thinking about pulling the pin here. I understand this is the fifth or sixth time he has tried to leave, but how does the saying go... "I'll believe it when I see it!" I understand the desk officers have taken up a "Is he or isn't he" pool. I'll keep everyone posted. But remember, you didn't hear it from me!

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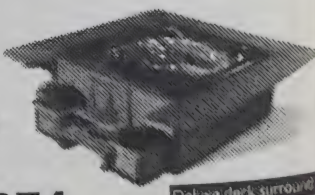
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The WLA Journal

by Bill Dunn
West Los Angeles Division

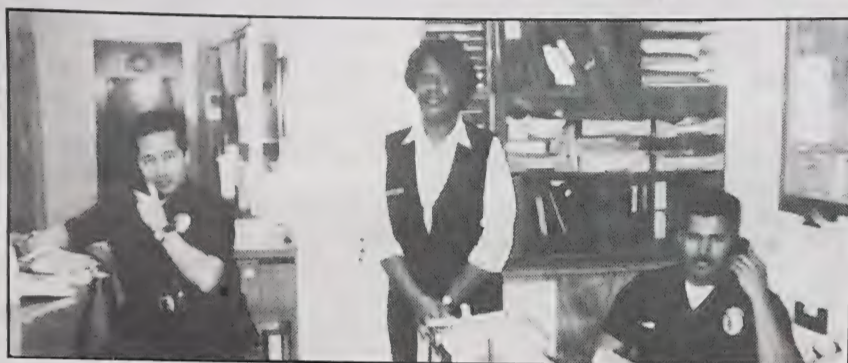
West Los Angeles Division is proud of its officers who responded to the recent incident in North Hollywood. Being alerted by Communications of the grave situation at the Bank of America building on Laurel Canyon Boulevard, and the need for additional units from throughout



West L.A. Daywatch Officers (Left to right): Burkett, Poe, Corso, Strong, Wong, Mauldin, Mack and Hertler.

sonnel, arriving at the scene within minutes of the original help call.

Officer **Susan Quan's** Volunteer Surveillance Unit (VSU) made their first arrest. The unit, under the direction of Lt. **Charles Duke**, is made up entirely of West Los Angeles citizens (except for Officer Quan). And one of their first assignments was to OP a liquor store on Santa Monica Boulevard which was known to serve drunks. VSU had been set up less than an hour on the store when they observed a male drive up in front of the location and exit his vehicle, promptly tripping over the flat ground as he staggered towards the store. This immedi-



WLA PM Watch Desk (Left to right): Officer Ha, PSR Rodgers and Ofcr. Arujo.

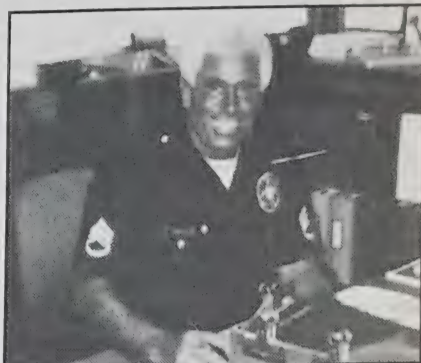
ately drew the attention of VSU personnel who alerted Officer Quan to the activity. Then, as they watched, the gentleman entered the liquor store, purchased a bottle of vodka, exited the liquor store, urinated against the wall outside, reentered the liquor store, bought some smokes, then entered his ve-

hicle for a drive down the boulevard. Responding officers then stopped the man for a DUI investigation. He subsequently blew a very healthy .23/.22. Great job, VSU! Also, Officer Quan wants it known that if anyone in West L.A. needs a little nighttime surveillance done, she has a very willing crew of citizens who are willing to work.

It is almost ten years ago that the movie "Colors" was screening in the theaters. The movie, about a pair of South Bureau CRASH officers attempting to halt a gang war, starred Sean Penn and Robert Duvall. Our very own Sgt. **Dennis Fanning** was a role model for the Sean Penn character, and he had the experience of having Penn follow him around for almost a month in preparation for the role. Sgt.

Fanning then had a small part in the movie, and has parlayed that appearance into a number of other roles in films.

We also want to bring some notice to Sgt. **Doug Abney** who set up one of the best live fire training days West L.A. has had in quite some



Sgt. Rossi, PM Watch Commander.

time. Utilizing the Los Angeles Airport Police target range, officers were allowed to spend some quality time with both their handgun and shotgun. The highlight was a walk-through course set up on the pistol range. As officers walked down range, targets turned facing the officers, some showing a threat, some not. The targets turned rapidly, and the course was a great test of your shoot, no shoot reaction.

We also have a few May anniversaries: P-1 **Walter Killingsworth** and **Robert Lockhart** from Class of 5/96, P-2 **Steve Nelson** from Class of 5/95, P-3 **Audrey Wilkins** from Class of 5/93, D-1 **Gena Brooks** from Class of 5/88, Sgt. **Doug Wade** from Class of 5/87, D-2 **Kurt Wachter** from Class of 5/79, P-3 **Robert Lewis** from Class of 5/72.

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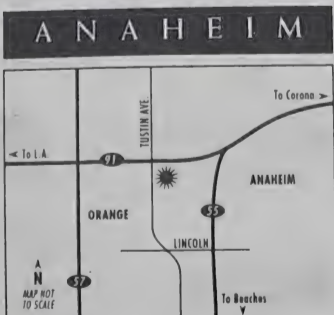
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IA Briefs

by Anita McKeown
Internal Affairs Division

Golf Tournament

On Thursday, March 13, 1997, IAD had the second annual golf tournament at the De Bell Golf Course in Burbank, California. There were a total six teams



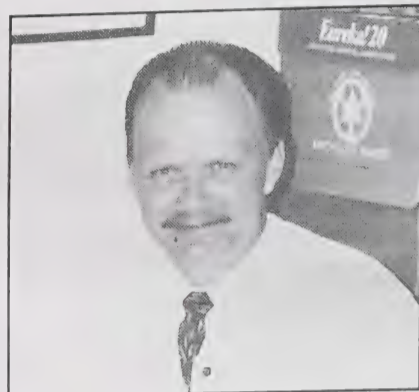
Jerry Good and Ken Roth on golf course.

which included 23 people. The tournament was played in a best ball format. West Section included **Mike Avalos**, **Marco Munoz**, **Dave Storaker**, and **Kent Oderlindo**. South Section, who only had three players, included **Jim Rubert**, Retired **Steve Mills**, and **Dave Lindsay**. Valley Section included **Joanie McNamara**, **Bill Fallis**, **Jerry Good**, and **Ken Roth**. Central Section included **Bob Ackerman**, **Steve Kneirium**, **Sylvia Trundle**, and **Andy Neiman**. The mixed team included **John Clark**, **Henry Quan**, **Mike Biagi**, and **Dave Twitchell**. Also playing was a team from the District Attorney's Office, Special Investigation Section. The DA's Office won by shooting 67, four under par. South and Valley Sections tied for second. Closest to the pin winner received

a \$40 gift certificate from the pro shop. The winners were **Bill Fallis** on hole number three, **Bill Seki** (DA's office) on hole number 5, and **Jim Rubert**, who had only been playing for a year, on hole number thirteen. A special thank you to Sgt. Henry Quan for organizing the tournament and letting the DA's office win.

Proud of Our Own

Internal Affairs Division is very proud of our own with the results of



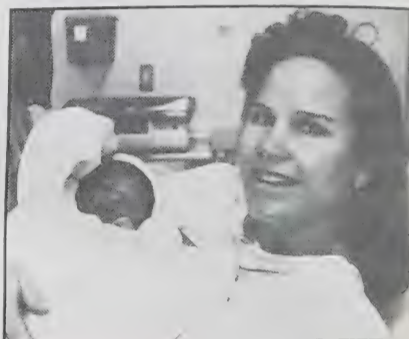
Steve La Roche, No. 1 - Lt. List.

the 1997 Lieutenant's List. The following personnel are to be congratulated on an outstanding job: Band One - **Steve La Roche**; Band Three - **Jim Bower** and **Phil Fontanetta**; Band Four - **Ray Foster**, **Nancy Lauer**, and **Andy Smith** (Loanee from 77th Patrol Division); Band Four - **Mike Bowers** (Now of

Van Nuys Patrol Division) and **Fabian Lizarraga**; Band Five - **Sharyn Buck** and **Paul Vernon**; Band Six - **Mark Johnson** (Inspector General's office), **Ron Katona**, **Don Lehman**, **Joe Mariani**, **Anita McKeown**, and **Mike Moriarty**; and Band Seven - **Marc Goodman**, **Harold Hall**, **Gus Martinez** and **Geoff Taylor**.

New Baby

Congratulations to Sgt. **Brenda Crump**, Valley Section, and her husband, Gary, on the birth of their new baby daughter **Crystal Leah Crump**, born Friday, March 28,



Sgt. Brenda Crump and new daughter, Crystal Leah.

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Southeast 4 Info Only

by Candy Delgado
Southeast Division

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This month I get to join the elite group whose members include such noted personalities as Sgt. **Mo Batts**, Det. **Thomas Butler**, my classmate Det. **Steve Watson** of South Bureau Homicide, and my husband Det. **Vincent Delgado**. What do we all have in common? We're all 40 years old.

On February 13, 1997, Officer **Alan Coleman** of Southeast Mid-Day Watch and Officer **Kathy Hardy** of Harbor Patrol were married in a fairy tale wed-



Newlyweds Alan Coleman and Kathy Hardy.

Kathy. Congratulations to both of you!

Here are Two "Bad Guy Goes to Jail" Stories

Det. **David Knighten** wanted me to tell you about the low-life who went to a Beverly Hills dealership and asked for the keys to an Infiniti so he could hear the engine. He drove off with a female friend, almost running over several people. He committed a bunch more crimes in the car. BAD CATS traced him down to a location in Southeast. It turned out that he had a prior for the same thing in which he ran over and killed a five-year-old boy. The DA's office threw the book at him and Dave says it looks like he will be off the streets for a long time.

On February 27, 1997, the day before the North Hollywood shootout, Officers **Ken Furuta** and **Roger Forest** were on patrol in the area of 106th and Stanford when they heard shots fired. They searched the area and saw a man shooting a handgun. When the man saw them, he ran. As the officers chased him, he fired two rounds at the officers, luckily not hitting them. He was captured in the perimeter and the handgun was located. The DA's office filed two counts of attempt 187 on a police officer. Officers Furuta and Forest are to be commended for their heroism and the capture of a dangerous criminal.

Patrol won the Southeast golf tournament but detectives want a rematch for next year. I will have more details next month.



Ms. Lee Byrd with Officer Floro Pinzon.

Ms. Lee Byrd of Markham Middle School wanted to show



Ms. Lee Byrd with Officers Stinson Brown, Phillip Evans, Emilo Garry, Megan Glaiser, Zack Martinez and Detective Comie Scales.

her appreciation for all the fine work done by the Southeast School Cars and the Jeopardy Officers. She baked up lots of goodies and brought them to the station to share with all Southeast personnel. We got to snack

on coffee cakes, fruit, bagels and beverages, plus Ms. Byrd handed out gifts and coffee cups. She wanted us to know that what we do every day was as brave and important as what happened in the North Hollywood shootout, even if we didn't get as much media attention as they had. It was nice to have the positive community support. Thanks Ms. Byrd.

As always, there is room for one more here at Southeast, even in Officer **Chris Hajduk's** locker. He's going to Hollywood and won't be needing it anymore. Maybe whoever takes it

over can find that story and photo hidden in there that he promised me for the *Blue Line* about his big drug bust.

Happy Mother's Day!

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



All 'R'-Round Town

by Michael Albanese
Metropolitan Division

Greetings! The Division continues to move at a fast and furious pace. Business is booming, and summer is just around the corner. Promotions, some movement through the platoons, and the police beat goes on!

Metro News

Congratulations to **R. J. Acosta**, **Wes Burmester**, **Jimmy Clark**, **Walt Hampton** and **Jorge Rodriguez** on their promotions to the supervisory ranks. R. J. and Wes have worked Metro since 1991 (Mounted Unit and "C" Platoon) and have been assigned to Southwest Division. Jimmy Clark promoted from SWAT and will be assigned to Newton Street Division. Walt Hampton has worked Metro since 1986 and will be working Van Nuys Division. Jorge, the most recent promotee, moves on to Southeast Division. Metro has lost a tremendous amount of experience, but the troops will be benefiting from some experienced street cops. Metro wishes them the best on their promotions.

Congratulations are also in order for Officer **Don Deming**, **Mike Goosby**, and **Mike Harrington** on their selection to the K-9 platoon. The new K-9 officers begin their training directly and can look forward to being on the receiving end of the training process with regards to the K-9s (The "bite suit").

"B" Platoon's Sgt. **Doug Reid** has been selected to SWAT and is our new 70 David. Doug, a former SWAT officer, can now look forward to the swell hours that are associated with "D" Platoon.

Lastly on congratulations: Officer **Pete Weireter** was selected as the SWAT Officer of the Year. Pete was recognized at this year's SWAT dinner for his hard work and commitment to the SWAT mission.

Sports Beat

By the time ya'll receive this *Blue Line*, the 13th Annual Baker to Vegas Relay Run will be history. We are in the final hours of training (or healing, de-

pending on your condition), and we're all anxious for race day. Metro will be fielding three teams. A first for any LAPD Division. Fielding three teams converts to 75+ runners (includes alternatives) and 30+ for support which equates to nearly half of the Division participating in the run. Pretty significant numbers considering the hours and details that the Division manages daily. We'll talk about the race outcome in June's *Blue Line*.

Continuing with the running theme -- K-9 Sgt. **Don Schwartz** was a recent victim! As a new supervisor to the Division he had been looking for some running partners to fine tune his state of fitness. Unfortunately for Don, he sought out K-9 Officers **Mike Daly** and **Dave Carter** for running mates. What started out as "mild-mannered" PFQ training runs, ended up in "let's do a marathon together." Don got sucked in big-time and the next thing he knows he's training for his first marathon. Both Daly and Carter, veteran marathoners, baited Don into believing that running a marathon was necessary before one's final EOW. Don finished the marathon and he's still trying to figure out how he got "reeled in" by his troops.

FYI

Jamie Kouri, daughter of long time Metro Officer **Pat Kouri** had a tough go this past month. Jamie, age 11, had been misdiagnosed for an abdominal ailment which resulted in her appendix bursting. There were significant medical maladies associated with Jamie's illness. She was hospitalized for a month and was on a respirator for nearly two weeks. The first few weeks of her hospitalization were extremely delicate -- touch and go. Lots of pain and grief for the parents, as well. Jamie is now home recovering. However, get-well cards, phone calls and prayers are certainly in order. I'll keep you posted with Jamie's progress. GET WELL JAMIE!

The best!

On The Eastern Horizon

by SLO Ruben Rodriguez
Hollenbeck Division

Hello, everyone. By the time you read this the 1997 Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay will be history. Unfortunately for Hollenbeck, there was some dissension among the runners just prior to the event and the differences were unable to be worked out by race time. I would like to take this time to say thanks and tip my hat to those officers who



Sgt. Ron Shoop, "What? I can't hear you! Speak up!"

were able to put their personal feelings aside and concentrate on the overall picture, which was to represent Hollenbeck Division in the best possible manner. Their unselfish efforts, in order to attempt to achieve a good standing for Hollenbeck,

Hollenbeck Golf Club

The Hollenbeck Golf Club, headed by P-3+1 **Richard Rodriguez**, has issued a direct challenge to the golfers of Metro Division to participate in a "friendly" golf game. As of press time, Metro Division had not responded to the challenge and we are beginning to wonder if word of the great talents of the Hollenbeckers has reached the desk of Metro Division. Maybe they decided that by ignoring the challenge they will not risk being embarrassed on the green. Come on Metro, as Richard says, "It's just a 'friendly' game." More to follow.

On the High Seas

Hollenbeck CRASH Officer **Manny Ramirez** would like us to acknowledge his son Louie Ramirez, who is currently serving aboard the USS Gonzales. The ship, a U.S. Navy Destroyer, based out of Norfolk, Virginia, was christened after Sgt. Gonzales, a war hero who served two tours in Vietnam. We send a warm Hollenbeck salute to Louie and all his shipmates.

Welcome

We extend our hand and issue a Hollenbeck welcome to Det. **R. Martinez**, coming to us via Wilshire Division. We also welcome three brand new probationers, just graduated from the Acad-



The Hollenbeck bike detail: Cesar Ramirez, Jeromy Paciorkowski, Chris Mason, David Negrete and Crystal Hayes.

without personal prejudices, truly exemplifies the motto, "team work."

Dinner Cruise

Mark your calendars, purchase your tickets and plan to attend the L.A. Harbor Dinner Cruise, scheduled for May 21st. The event is a fund raiser for the Hollenbeck Reserve Corps, Volunteer Unit and Training Unit. The three-hour cruise, which will cost \$20 per person, will feature an all-you-can-eat buffet dinner as well as an all-you-can-drink beverage bar. The featured ship is the USS Karin Lynn which is a 65-foot yacht and will be departing out of Ports O'Call in San Pedro at precisely 1830 hours. For more information or to purchase tickets, see **Bob Garcia** in the Reserve and Volunteer Unit or **Dennis Hammerstead** in the Training Unit. Tickets are limited so don't delay. Hope to see you all there.

emy and ready to face the world. They are: **T. Cleary**, **D. Haskins** and **R. Levy**. Welcome all!!

See You Around

Leaving Hollenbeck (I don't know why) is Det. **T. Stapleton**, who is now a sergeant at Central Division. Also leaving is P-2 **Mike Falvo**, who will be sorely missed and is now serving the citizens of Pacific Division. Newly crowned P-2s are: **Terri Shelley**, going to Harbor Division, **Thomas Cleary**, en route to Pacific Division, **Michael Smerdel**, headed for Southwest and **Eden Dangelo**, traveling to the west side, to West L.A. Division.

Que Paso?

This month's salute goes out to my good buddy, **Michael Marchello**. Get a cup, Bud!!

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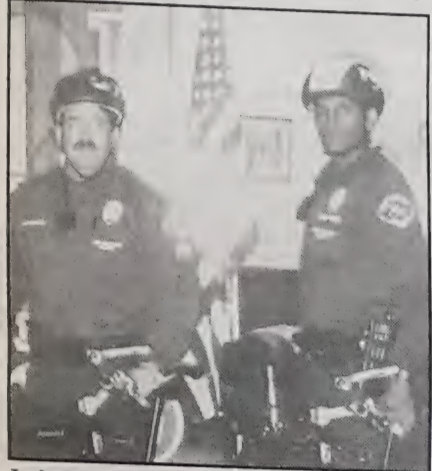
Division With A Mission

by Marie Kardiban
Central Area

Hello again. Not much happening this month. Hopefully with summer coming and a lot of Central events I'll have more to write.

Bike Detail - 1SLO52

The Jewelry District is much safer now that we have Sr. Lead Officer **Mike Hargreaves** and Of-



Left to Right: Officer Mike Hargreaves and Officer Kevin Snaer.

ficer **Kevin Snaer** patrolling Hill Street. Mike and Kevin work as a

liaison between the various groups and police department addressing various public concerns. Between ticketing the illegal downtown taxi cabs and dealing with the aggressive beggars, both officers still have time to be personable when dealing with the community. Keep up the good work.

Just a reminder...Central Division Reunion, Saturday, May 10, 1997, 11:00 a.m. to ?, Elysian Park Police Academy Field.

Were you ever a member of the Glass House Gang? (Central Patrol, Detectives, R&I, Traffic, Metro, P&R, Jail, etc.) Yes? Then come to the Central reunion. If not, then come anyway. Even if you know someone who worked or had just driven through Central, you qualify. You'll be well fed with imported Texas BBQ with all the fixins, beer and soft drinks. Everyone will receive a commemorative cap. Cost is only \$15 per person, \$25 with spouse or significant other. By the time you get your *Blue Line* issue, you will still have about 10 days to buy your ticket. Don't miss the fun. For information, contact Officer **Lisa Minami-Lin**, Central CRO 485-6587.

Central Officer Finds Silver in Arizona Desert

Congratulations to **Chuck Hammond** for recently competing in the Arizona Police Games and winning three silver medals for the following: cycle time trials, cycling road race and mountain bike race. Kudos...

New Job for Ex-Koban Officer

Congratulations to Officer **Jeffrey Quinton** for taking the demanding job of Assistant special



Left to right: Jeffrey Quinton and Joseph Hawkins.

events coordinator. It's about time Officer **Joe Hawkins** took a little break and got some help. Good luck.

You both have a lot of work ahead of you.

New CRO Officer

Congratulations to Officer **Michele Robles** in taking the responsibility of the DAP officer in the Community Relations Office. The front desk will never be the same.

Transfers Out

Sgt. **Greg Horton** left the Hype Unit to share the OIC spot with his old SWAT buddy Sgt. **Jerry Tomic**. Wilshire CRASH's gain is Central's loss.

Newly appointed Sgt. **Orlando Chandler** is heading to Van Nuys Division. Orlando was one of our best training officers and will be missed.

P-2 **P. Cordero** is going to Central Traffic.

Newly appointed P-2s: **S. Lowry** to Pacific, **I. Dumaplin** to Southwest, **N. Ellis** to Southwest, **E. Quan** to Southwest, **B. Brown** to Van Nuys, and **M. Gomez** to Wilshire.

Transfers In

We welcome Sgt. **B. Yearwood** from Hollywood, Sgt. **Nunez** from Newton.

Congratulations to the newly appointed P-3s coming to Central: **G. Bateman** from Hollywood, **R. Piazza** from Harbor, **A. Villalpando** from Pacific.

That's it for now. See ya next month.

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Rampage

by George S. Brietigam III
Rampart Division

At-A-Boy!

Rampart uniform patrol officers **Larry Walker** and **Jonathan Pinto** were conducting crime suppression in the area of Benton Way and Council Street, when they observed a car wanted for a felony narcotics violation. The officers conducted a felony vehicle stop assisted by Officers **Brian Liddy**, **Candice Googe**, **Brian Hewitt** and **Jason Wagner**.

Following the stop, the officers determined that neither of the two occupants of the vehicle were wanted for the felony. However, their detailed interviews of the occupants revealed the suspect resided within Rampart Division. The officers formulated a plan and conducted a follow-up to the suspect's home.

Upon their arrival, the officers were met by the owner of the house. He advised them that the suspect rented a room from him and that the suspect was inside. The officers obtained consent to enter the house and observed the suspect through an open door in a rear bedroom. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.

As the officers made the arrest, they observed a second suspect seated inside the room. This suspect immediately lowered his hand to his side and dropped a small red balloon to the ground. Officer Liddy retrieved the balloon and noted it to contain Mexican brown heroin. The second suspect was taken into custody and a search incidental to arrest was conducted. During the search, the officers recovered an additional 24 balloons of heroin and over \$6,000 in U.S. currency.

Both suspects were arrested for felony narcotics violations, includ-

ing possession of heroin for sale. Additionally, incriminating statements were obtained from the suspects identifying a mid-level heroin supplier within Rampart Division. This information was given to Rampart Narcotics Detectives whose investigation resulted in the arrest of the supplier and the recovery of a larger quantity of Mexican brown heroin the following day.

Say It Ain't So

In March 1997 at 1000 hours, Officer **Joel Espinoza**, along with his partner **Mark White**, set up an "OP" overlooking MacArthur Park and targeting the many drug dealers in the area. After a short wait the officers observed a narcotics transaction and directed their chase unit with Officers **Guillermo Fajardo** and **Martin Higuera** to the suspect. The drug dealer, knowing his number was up, began running westbound through the park leading officers in foot pursuit.

Just as the officers caught up to the suspect, he threw a plastic container that contained the narcotics into the middle of the lake. The officers detained the suspect, then tried to figure out a way to retrieve the dope now floating in the middle of the lake.

Sgt. **Armando Perez**, the first supervisor at scene attempted to locate a boat in order to retrieve the narcotics. As the officers waited for the boat's arrival, a duck saw the floating dope container and landed next to it. The duck then began to peck at the container in an attempt to open it. Despite the laughs of over 100 citizens and officers from the shore, the frustrated duck picked up the container in its beak and flew off eastbound through the park.

The duck landed on the island in the lake, "Chachi Island," and again

began pecking at the container. The duck managed to open the container and consume an unknown amount of rock cocaine before flying off northbound through the city. The officers managed to recover the remaining rock cocaine and booked the suspect for sales of rock cocaine.

The officers were unable to detain the duck for being under the influence of cocaine and interfering with a police investigation.

Only in Rampart?

On February 23, 1997, at 0110 hours, Officers **Manuel Dickerson** and **David Litaker** responded to a radio call "GTA" in progress at 111 S. Mariposa Avenue. The suspect was described as "A big clown."



Manuel Dickerson and David Litaker arrest a real "Bozo."

As the officers responded, they observed a big clown driving a 1977 gray Chevy Caprice. The officers executed a U-turn to investigate the clown. The vehicle then sped up and led the officers in a high speed pursuit.

The suspect clown finally gave up when the car ran out of gas. Officers conducted a high risk traffic stop and took the clown into custody. Back at Rampart Station the suspect stated he just performed a

show and could not get his girlfriend to pick him up. The suspect continued stating that he knew how to start Chevys so he stole the car.

Fresh Meat!

Rampart welcomes Det. **R. Phan** from Foothill, Sgt. **N. Lisi** from Harbor, Sgt. **L. Thomas** from Valley Traffic, Sgt. **B. Arellano** from West L.A., P-3 **E. Cabriaes** from EODD, P-3 **C. Labriola** from Harbor, P-3 **L. Barbosa** from North Hollywood, P-2 **R. Camarillo** from PER, P-2 **R. Hudlett** from S/E, P-2 **J. Fullerton** from West Traffic and P-2 **M. Pars** from West Valley. Rampart also welcomes new probationers **C. Curry**, **C. Eveland** and **R. Jovel**. Good luck with your new assignments.

C-Ya!

Rampart regrets to announce the departure of Det. **Tracey Benjamin** to Wilshire, Sgt. **Jon Peters** to 77th, P-3 **Joshua Adler** to Narcotics Group (K-9), P-2 **Scott Frus** to Devonshire, P-2 **Michael Lopez**, P-2 **Christina Mejicanos** and P-2 **Dante Palacio** to North Hollywood, P-2 **R. Randall** to VTD and P-2 **Arthur Clements** to West Valley. All are fine examples of Rampart Division; they will be missed.

Climbers!

Rampart is happy to announce the promotions of **Robert Vargas**, **Edgar Villalta** and **Ernest Cabriaes** to P-3+1 Senior Lead Officer. Congratulations is also due to **Dan Eun** on his promotion to P-3 Field Training Officer.

On the D.L.

Rampart wishes a speedy recovery to long term IOD Officers **Robert Reynolds**, **Steven Manriquez**, **Barbara Scallon**, **Diane Alonso** and **Ernie Ramos**. You have not been forgotten and you are all missed.

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More Divisional Reporter on next page

DIVISIONAL REPORTER



Pacific Breeze

by Cheri Root
Pacific Division

"Justice" for Pete's Sake

There are all kinds of people out there who love and appreciate animals, and we've just discovered two more: a city attorney and a judge. While **SLO Pete Casey** was patrolling the boardwalk, he was approached by a child who pleaded with him to help the poor golden retriever puppy who was being beaten up by its owner. After stopping the beating, consoling the pup, and advising the now "cruelty to animals" suspect that beating is not an acceptable form of training, he arrested him and placed the pup in the hands of animal control. Well, Pete was concerned about what would happen to the pup when his owner got out of jail, so he put his name down as "first rights" to claim the animal, should the owner be forced to give him up. Well, the suspect plead out: 30 days in jail, 3 years probation (not being able to own an animal during that time) and relinquish all rights of ownership to the pup. And Pete, well he got what he wanted: a conviction,

and the pup. I guess you could say he got a little "Justice," and that's just what he named him!! Congratulations Pete, on a job well done!

Almost a 10!

We want to congratulate Officer **Deanna Benedict** (and hubby) on the birth of their healthy new baby boy "Robert Thomas" who came into this world on Thursday, April 3rd, at 0945 hours. The little tyke weighed in at a whopping 9 lbs 14 oz. So here's to a grand delivery. May he stay healthy and fill your lives with joy and laughter! Good luck.

25 to Life

Observant citizens and dedicated detectives. That's what it took to get a 21-year-old WLA man a 25-years-to-life sentence in the forcible rape, sodomy and oral copulations charge that he plead no contest to last month. He abducted a 15-year-old Venice High School student (on her way to school) at gunpoint, forcing her into his vehicle, while driving to a remote location in the Topanga Canyon area. An observant citizen had noticed the couple, and

questioned what an innocent looking young girl would be doing with a rough "thug" type looking guy. As he drove alongside the two on PCH, the victim turned to look at him through the passenger window and began mouthing words to him. She mouthed "help." The witness grabbed a magic marker from his glove box and quickly wrote down the vehicle license plate number on his morning paper, then called the police. He was unable to keep up with the suspect, but gave the description of the vehicle, and his accounts of what was happening to the police, allowing them to then do their job.

A little while later, a couple in a van driving through Topanga Canyon stopped for the traumatized young girl, whom the suspect abandoned, and took her to Santa Monica UCLA Medical Center. Well, Det. **Jae Thomas**, Det. **Plew** (and co-workers from the Mac Table) put the puzzle together, and in about four hours had the suspect in custody. The suspect spent about a year in custody before the trial began (or was supposed to begin). It seems that after the defense attorney came to see the detectives and looked at the overwhelming amount of evidence that linked the suspect directly to the crime, the suspect pled no contest. I guess defense attorneys actually do know when they have "no defense!" Well, congratulations to detectives for a job well done, as well as citizens who aren't

afraid to get involved. Also, we hope and pray that the young survivor overcomes the frightful encounter, and can go back to leading a happy, healthy life.

Movin' In/Movin' Out

We'd like to welcome the following people to Pacific Division: Sgt. **Yang** in from BFD, new Sgts. **Anderson** over from CP and **Alvarez** from TD (congrats). Det. **Hunter** back to Pacific from Harbor, Officers **Cleary** and **Falvo** from HOBK, and all the following P-1s from the academy: **Collins**, **Larson**, **Retamozo**, **Torres**, and **Young**. Welcome and enjoy Pacific. It's the best!

Now the goodbyes! Sgt. **Ibarra** is leaving us for North Hollywood, Officers **Driotez** and **Hunt** are going to Foothill, Officer **Faulkner** is headed for STD, Officers **Garza** and **Segura** are going to SW, Officer **Stiles** is headed across the way to Wilshire, and Officer **Drake** is headed for the Valley (WVAL) just in time for summer. Be ready for 105 degrees plus... A big difference from the Pacific Breeze! Good luck to you all!

And now two quick notes: Congratulations to Officer **Alex Villapondo** who made P-3 last month! Take care Alex. Also congrats to Officer **Dan Spring** who just received his 25 year pin. An inspiration to us young pups!

P.S. No photos this month, but will make up for it in June! See ya!

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CLUB DEV

by Floyd Toledo
& Drew Thompson
Devonshire Division

Sports

On March 18th the LAPRAAC softball classic was held at Hjelte Park. Sixteen teams entered and Devonshire finished in third place. Each player contributed and enjoyed their moment of glory during each victory. A revived respect for Devonshire's sports teams was accomplished today by Officers **Ce-**

Officer of the Month

Selected for the Officer of the Month for January was P-3 **Dan Taylor**. During his 28-year career, he has consistently demonstrated a strong work ethic, resulting in his receiving eighty department and citizen commendations. One department commendation occurred in February when through his diligent efforts and use of strong investigative skills resulted in the arrest of three rape suspects. As a patrol training officer, he daily shares his valuable ex-

perience with his probationary officers. Congratulations on a job well done. Yet there is another side to this man as revealed by kit room Commander **Rudy Santos**: "If he doesn't get shop #525 every day, then everyone better watch out!"

IN - Arrivals were P-2s **K. Knop**, **C. Donorovich**, **C. Zilka**, **B. Crees**, **M. Moreno**, **M. Furman-ski**, **J. Menard**, **F. Munoz**, **J. Galbraith**, **S. Gomez**, **K. Riley**, **T. Townsend**. Also P-3 **Cathy Luke** as a detective trainee.

OUT - DP #4 was **Darren Ray**, promoting to detective to North-east, Sgt. **Dave Wright** to Newton. P-2s **A. Garza** to West L.A., **J. Gomez** to Van Nuys. Promoting to P-3 and remaining is **Dave Smith**.

IN - Arrived were Det. **B. Kilgore**, promoting and returning is P-3 **B. Matzoll**. P-2s **F. Benavidez**, **M. Garde**, **A. Llamas**, **S. Frus**, **B. Bunch**, **C. Littlejohn**. P-1s **J. Balderas**, **R. Kohut**, and **S. Neises**.

Sworn Cheerleader

On March 28, at Granada High School, the Centurions battled Houston PD. Leading the emotional football fans and directing their cheers were nine sworn officers. Our own P-2 **Sara Faden** as Assistant Captain, specializes in choreography, after gaining cheerleading experience at La Habra High School. She has combined this with her gymnastic skills resulting in her unique style. While assigned to the youth center she has recruited 14 members to her P.A.L.S. drill team. Sharing her dance skills she has formed a talented group of young performers. Sara finds this is a wonderful outlet for her athletic skills and enjoys working with the kids while supporting the Department. Thanks Sara and keep up the great work.

Thanks to Mayor Riordan

On that memorable day of February 28, 1997, the Bank of America, North Hollywood shootout, I, **Drew**

Thompson, was one of the many officers present. When the smoke lifted, the bank was cleared by LAPD SWAT and the command post was formally set-up. Officer **Chris Mandella** and myself had the pleasure of meeting with a very officer safety concerned Mayor Riordan. Although he was tired and I am sure he had a lot on his mind, this mayor took the time to listen to a couple of street officers about public and officer safety concerns. Through our enlightening, the mayor pushed the department .45 cal. defensive semi-auto rifles divisionally and other weapons and tactical considerations. I can't speak



photo by Floyd Toledo

sar Corona, **David Wright**, **Jim Antenucce**, **Howard Sebring**, **Jim Tumbeiro**, **Brian Stothers**, **Orlando Martinez**, **Myron Pedroche**, **Scott Romero**, **Barry Smith**, **Dan Widman**, **Mike Graham**, **Floyd Toledo**, and **Gene Leary**. The team thanks Sgt. **Steve** and Rita **Savala** for providing uniforms through their business "Fillmore Mail Stop," noting that "when a team looks sharp, they play sharp."

IN-N-Out
OUT - DP #3 was **Mike Binford**, who promoted to Detective, went to Hollywood. P-2s **Mark Diamond**, **Dan Mendoza**, **Chris O'Donnell**



photo by Floyd Toledo

for every officer, but as for the ones I come in contact on a daily basis, we all appreciate his expediting activities. Mayor Riordan is a man of action and he deserves our support.

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Hollywood Happenings

by Jennifer O'Brien
Hollywood Division

Hello again! Hope this article finds everyone well and in one piece. Yet another month of madness and mayhem has passed! Though I am fresh from a fantastic vacation, I was able to find out about some of the fun things going on here in Hollywood.

Detectives vs. Patrol

March 13, 1997 was D-Day for Patrol in their battle against the Detectives in the Hollywood slo-pitch softball game. Although the battle was hard fought, Detectives vanquished their opponent handily with a 10-2 final score. A good time was had by all and there were no hard feelings, I hope!

narcotics. Officer Richards began investigating the bomb and developing leads on a suspect. Early on, Officer Richards made an 11550 H&S arrest which proved to be a springboard for a series of arrests that would lead to the identification of the bomber.

Following that arrest, Richards, with the help of P-2 **Frank Marmolejo**, made an arrest of an outstanding parolee who had three stolen firearms, 600 rounds of ammunition, bomb making components, and burglary tools. Interviews from that arrest led to another arrest for two shootings and one robbery. In late February, 1997, Richards developed solid information as to the identity and location of the bombing suspect. During an investigative search of the suspect's residence, Richards re-

C. Hensley to Wilshire, and P-2 **M. Knecht** to Personnel. Best wishes to all!

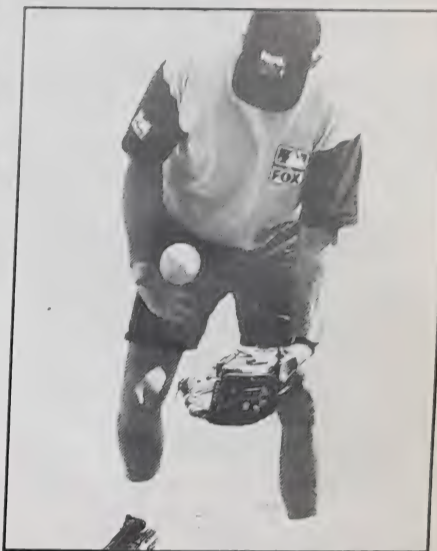
Welcome to Hollywood to our new supervisors Sgt.-2 **H. Lopez** from New-



ton, Sgt. **W. Eaton** from Foothill, and Sgt. **R. Barrera** from Wilshire. Welcome to the desk to our new P-2s: **R. Flores** and **P. Machuca** from 77th, **M. Moorer** from Pacific, **E. Kanemitsu**, **D. Lewis**, and **B. Wilson** from SE, V.

Deshay from STD and **M. Garza** from VTD.

Last, but not least, our newest additions from TD: **V. Arellano**, **M. Bevan**, **B. Bixler**, **A. Paredes**, **M. Ramirez**, and **P. Solano**. What, only six new bodies this month? As always, listen to your TO's, answer up in roll call, don't ever need to be told something twice (write it down!), and be proud (as Lt. **Sanchez** likes to say), you've joined an elite brotherhood.



Best of luck out there on the streets. As always, watch out for flying lead!

Go Bruins!! (I seem to recall that USC got knocked out of the first round of the NCAA basketball tournament...hmm, UCLA may not have made the final four, but the Great Eight is better than nothing! We won the battle of L.A. once again this year!)



C.H.I.A.

Numerous Hollywood personnel attended this year's annual California Homicide Investigators Association Convention in Reno, Nevada, March 5-7. We were treated to fantastic hospitality by the Reno Police Department and classes included improvements in DNA testing, Elder Abuse, Asian Gangs (given by LAPD's own **Mel Arnold** and **Larry Dolley**), Euthanasia, and Multi-Agency Investigations. The convention was a great opportunity for investigators to get together, swap information and stories. For those of us interested in detective work, attending the classes and more importantly, talking with experienced veteran detectives taught us something about being an investigator. I think I can attest that a good time was

covered over \$12,000 in cash, a substantial amount of methamphetamine, burglary tools, and stolen property. Following this arrest, Richards was able to make three arrests of outstanding parolees and two shootings. Due to Officer Richards' outstanding investigative skills, diligence, and determina-

Cecia and **C. Tapia** from Southwest, **M. Barocio** and **D. Woolsey** from Van Nuys, and **J. Flores** and **S. Grace** from West Valley. Also coming in are **M.**

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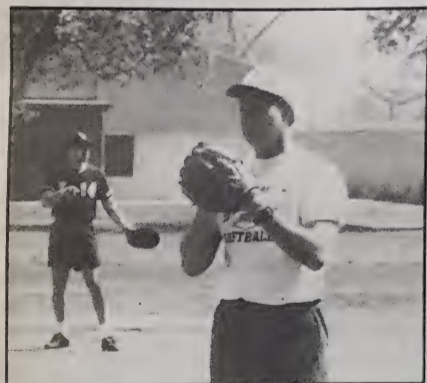


tion, detectives from Criminal Conspiracy Section have obtained a criminal filing, identifying the suspect responsible for the construction and planting of the freeway bomb. Since this is a federal crime, these suspects are looking at life! Hollywood detectives have also been able to clear three shootings and a robbery. Great work! Just goes to show you that patrol can do a heck of a lot more than take a PIR and those misdemeanor 11550 H&S arrests are worth their weight in gold!

Ins and Outs

Congrats to P-3 **Bea Yearwood** on being promoted to sergeant! She will begin her command at Central. Det. **Alan Hamilton** too has made the rank of sergeant and will begin his tenure at West Valley (thanks for the books!). P-3 **B. Moulton** promoted to detective and is off to Southwest. P-2 **G. Bateman** made P-3 and will be joining Sgt. Yearwood at Central. Finally off probation are new P-2s: **A. Ariaz**, **K. Gil**, **J. Gomez**, and **F. Gonzalez**. A class that promotes together, sticks together as they all are off to Southwest. Congrats to all and good luck!

Leaving us this DP are Sgt. **R. Heredia**, going to 77th; Det. **M. Guevara**, to Juvenile; P-2 **J. Walsh** to Juvenile; P-2 **M. Liberman** to NG; P-2



had by all. Those attending included **Michael "Red" McDonagh**, **Charlie Block**, **Vicki Bynum**, **Tanya Bowie**, **Michael Pelletier**, **Thomas Chevolek**, **Ed Parry**, **Gus Chacon**, and myself.

Kudos!

Job well done to Hollywood Patrol Officer **Bert Richards**. On August 20, 1996, a pipe bomb was found on the southbound Hollywood Freeway at Western Avenue. It was determined that the suspected bomb maker was living in the greater Hollywood area and was possibly actively building bombs and selling

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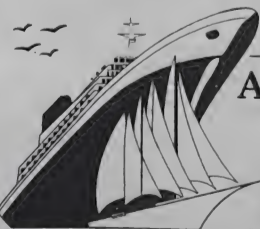
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



The Lucky 13

by Gail Ryan
Newton Division

Saturday, February 22, 1997, marked the opening of the new Newton Community Police Station when PM Watch roll call was called to attention at 1445 hours.

And, by the end of the first week, Watch Commanders could have retired, if they had collected money from all those they gave tours of the new facility too.

After divisional personnel settled in and found their way around the austere corridor, the new station started taking on a familiar atmosphere. A certain day watch officer, **John Siebert**, had plastic popcorn stuffed in his private vehicle, and a live goat was reported to have

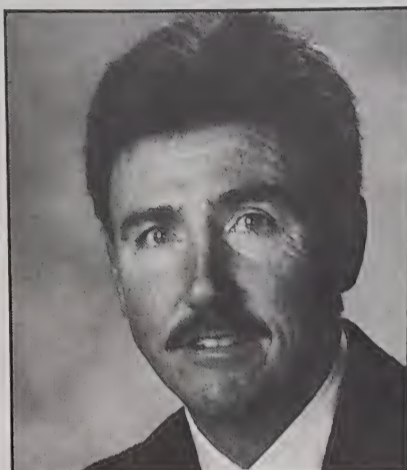


Sergeant Michael Sledd, 1996 Newton Sergeant of the Year.

wandered through the watch commander's office en route to homicide. Door handles started falling off the doors to the parking lot structure and a few toilets didn't work. Then there was the phone system, of which few have mastered yet. But, it just wouldn't be Newton without a few obstacles.

The new "Community Room" located off the lobby area was dedicated to the late Sgt. "Red" Davis. One of the Department's greatest athletes, he grew up in Newton Division and spent 28 of his 30 year career assigned to the old Newton.

A Divisional plaque listing all the officers assigned to the new station on opening day was also hung in the lobby, along



Detective I John Roeda, Newton Detective of the Year 1996.

with Officer **Norbert Huseman's** picture (the only officer to be killed in the line of duty in Newton Division).

The station even has its own car wash in the garage area. One just has to remember to keep all the windows rolled up when driving through it!

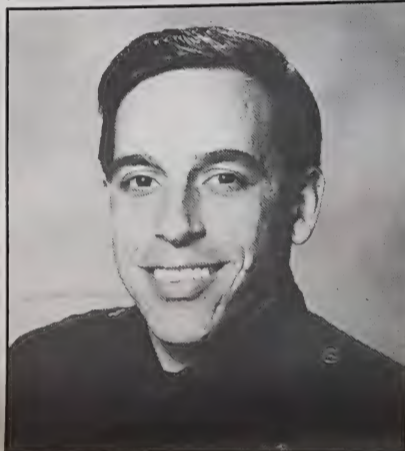
By now even most of the citizens have adjusted to the new station in the area...well, except for maybe one or two.

One man, we'll call John, answering a primal urge, parked in front of the station thinking it was a new office building in the area. When a lady to his liking walked out the front door he solicited her to engage in a carnal act with him. Unfortunately, for "John," the lady turned out to be a vice cop and all "John" got to answer was a judge finding him guilty of 647BPC (prostitution).

And on one other occasion in early April, a citizen was stopped at Jefferson and Central Avenues by Officer **Lisa Crawford** and **Richard Arcienega**. When Officer Crawford found a gun in the man's car he decided to run. An "officer needs assistance" call went out. As the suspect started to run past the police station, uniformed officers came running out to assist. Reminiscent of a

Keystone Cop Caper, and cheered on by Det. **Jesse Linn** (who was standing on a desk to look out the second story windows at the foot pursuit below), the suspect was chased through PM rush hour traffic - dodging cars, in and out an alley and into an apartment building. A zealous new, and very large, "boot," who was all charged up by the foot pursuit, was unable to slow down his momentum and crashed through the door behind the suspect.

However, it was a motor cop, answering the assistance call that actually caught the right suspect when he exited the alley into the motorcycle's path on 35th Street. Meanwhile, back to the Keystone Cops. It seems our "boot" (out in front) chased the wrong suspect. The poor man happened to step into the alley at the time the right suspect was running through. He looked up and saw the "boot" followed by a dozen or so running and yelling policemen coming towards him



Officer Michael Salinaz, 1996 Newton Area / OCB Employee of the Year.

with PM Watch Commander **Art Rudt-sky** hobbling behind on his bad leg (but hadn't wanted to miss out on the fun either). Frightened by the sight closing in on him, he ran also back to his apartment. And, who says police work can't be fun!

On March 28, 1997, the 9th Annual OCB Employee of the Year awards banquet was held at Luminarias. Deputy Chief **Gil** and Commander **Watson** presented certificates to the honorees. Newton Division honorees were: Dr. Robert Rossberg - Community Volunteer of the

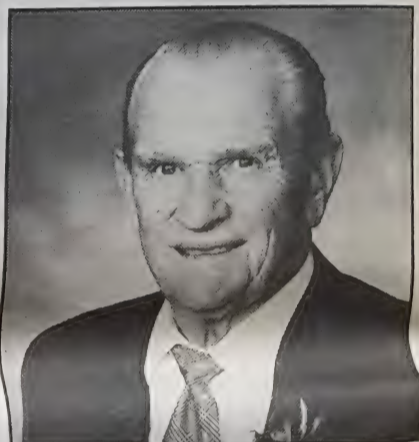
Year; **Alma Valdez** - Civilian of the Year; Sgt. **II Michael Sledd** - Sergeant of the Year; Det. **I John Roeda** - Detective of the Year; P3+1 **Michael Salinaz** - Of-



Secty Alma Valdez, 1996 Newton Civilian Employee of the Year.

ficer of the Year.

Congratulations to all the honorees, especially P3+1 Michael Salinaz who was named the OCB Officer of the Year for 1996.



Dr. Robert Rossberg, 1996 Newton Citizen Volunteer of the Year.

Don't forget the new address and phone numbers for Newton Station. (3400 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles, 90011 - Phone # Patrol Desk (213) 846-6547; Detectives (213) 846-5363.

Newton's Annual Picnic will be held Saturday, July 19, 1997 at Harbor Range, and, Friday, December 12, 1997 is the date set for the Christmas party at the Dodger Club.

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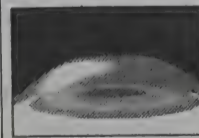
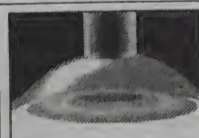
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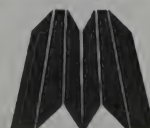
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What About Wilshire? Narcotics Group

by Dollie F. Ryan
Wilshire Division

They planted a tree in front of Wilshire station last month. It was a small tree, and didn't have very many branches. But to those who watched its tiny roots placed into the ground, the tree was a symbol of courage and honor and, most of all, life. Nearly 100 people attended the tree-planting held in memory of slain colleague **Mario Navidad**. Mario's wife, Sandra, attended along with the couple's son and daughter. Also in attendance were Councilman Nate Holden and Chief **Willie Williams**, who presented Mrs. Navidad with a plaque dedicated in her husband's honor. Also in attendance were members of the Continental Ribbon Ride California, a multi-state bike ride conceived and dedicated to the memory of fallen police officers. Organizers took the opportunity to present Mario's son, Brandon, with a gold-



Chief Williams and Wilshire Captain Mutz dish a little dirt.

plated streamlite flashlight, which served as the proverbial "passing of the torch." Brandon was then taken "along for the ride" to the rider's next official stop, Beverly Hills, and was joined by members of Wilshire's own bike patrol. The day's events were coordinated by CRO's own **Rich Wall**.



Mario Navidad's son, Brandon, takes possession of "The Torch."

The Wilshire family was blessed with three new lives in March. Cigars and chocolate to Officer **Michele Howell** and her husband, Stanley, who welcomed their first child, Bryce, into the world. Officer **Lyle Barnes** and wife Tracy said hello to their new baby girl, Milon. And Senior Lead Officer **Rudolpho Lopez** and his wife, Erica, are the proud new parents of Jessica Maayan. You might be wondering why Officer **Joyce Davis** isn't on this list. Frankly, we are wondering that ourselves. The expectant couple are still expecting, but meanwhile, Joyce continues to show up for work every day looking and talking very much like she is ready to pop.

Tidbits

Lt. **Yarbrough** was scheduled to steal a few rare moments away from the station to attend a pinning ceremony recognizing his 25 years of service. Of his more than two decades of service, the lieutenant stated: "It has gone by real fast." Yarbrough said it is a milestone he associates with "other guys." But, he said, "When I look in the mirror, it looks like I am one of those other guys." Welcome back to Captain **Michael Chambers**, who has been out with a bad knee. He is back in the saddle and is making plans to attend Baker to Vegas. If you're wondering about our Bosnia-bound Sgt. **Al Ruvalcaba**, he is currently on assignment with the United States Army Reserves. He called from Taszar, Hungary the other day and said he is monitoring the LAPD frequency via the World Wide Audio Net. Everything is well and he anticipates his safe return in November, 1997.

By the time you read this, Baker to Vegas will be history. Wilshire will be running in the Station Division, which was dominated last year by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Wilshire has plans to shake up the deputies and "let him know that Wilshire can run with anyone." (All this straight from the lips of the team captain, **Miguel Lopez**.) Anyway, Lopez says this will be the fast-



Mario Navidad's son, Brandon.

est Wilshire team in history. The team is led by Fred Alexander and **Eric Reade**, who each boasted a "slow" time of 34:56 for six miles on a hard course. Sgt. **Jimmy Blum** will be leading the support team which is a task in itself. More to come after the race.

Comings and Goings

Welcome to **S. McDuffie**, **K. Bigos**, **D. Butler**, **C. Hentcy**, **E. Morales**, **J. Usquiano**, **K. Puebla**, **A. Bonilla**, Sgt. **Dendy**, **J. Lopez**, **L. Avalos**, **T. Benjamin** and 16 brand spanking new P-2s fresh out of the academy. See ya later to: **N. Brown**, **Houston**, **C. Cryer**, **M. Tappan**, **R. Martinez**, the great **Sean Meade** and lastly **Art Sandoval**, who was promoted to P-III+1 three weeks ago and has now been promoted to detective over in Northeast.

Congratulations to **Karen Kos**, who made sergeant and is headed to Southeast. Kudos also go out to "downtown



Joyce Davis, left, with new mom Michele Howell.

Shirley Brown, who is moving up-town to her new digs in OWB. Caprice Staten, from Detective Autos, will be taking Shirley's place in the area office. Bye Shirley, we will miss you.

by Trinkia Porrata
Field Enforcement Section
Central Bureau Unit

Don't Forget the Narco Dogs

The Narcotics Group K-9 Unit is in an extremely useful tool in finding concealed narcotics, a tool that is available department-wide, for patrol as well as

looking for marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine or heroin, the narco dog can make a big difference. Contact the K-9 detail at 213-207-2008.

It's a Bouncing Baby Boy For Mando

Andrew Coronado checked in on March 18, 1997, at an even 7 pounds for parents Ana and Police Officer III **Ar-**



All decked out and somewhere to go. The Narcotics Group, Field Enforcement Section, Central Bureau Unit, Newton Squad, were the first from CBU to serve a search warrant in the newly designated utilities uniform which took effect in March 1997. L to R, Detective III **Mike Mitchell**, Det. **George Marentez**, Det. **Humberto Fajardo**, **Omar Recedo** (so, he's a loanee and it's a real uniform), Det. **John McKnight**, Officer **Cherry Gonzalez**, Det. **Dennis Kato** and Det. **Wayne Okamoto**. Newton loanee **Mary Helen Maldonado** was behind the camera on this one. Narcotics Group officers make approximately 1,000 search warrants each year. The utilities provide a more consistent presentation and are part of the upgrading of search warrant tactics and equipment that NG has been undergoing for the past two years.

detectives. They are especially effective in searching vehicles, saving time and helping locate that well hidden stash that you just KNOW is there. When

mando Coronado, who is assigned to the FES Rampart Squad of Narcotics Group, Central Bureau. Andrew is #3. That's how many grams? *

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



Slightly Irregular Defense Rep Corner

by Allison Sutherland
LAPD Reserves

May brings several special days to honor those we love and admire, so be sure to use the opportunities. Mother's Day is Sunday the 11th, and V-E Day is the 8th, Armed Forces Day is the 17th, and Memorial Day will be observed on Monday the 26th. Say "thank you" to a veteran. They don't hear it nearly enough. For those of you who don't know what V-E Day stands for, ask a vet. Learn something.

Several reserves combined a primo learning experience with a lot of fun on Friday, March 14. We worked a narcotics "buy" task force out of Hollywood Division. About 30 reserves from all over the city gathered at Hollywood to work the chase cars, staff the booking detail at the jail, work at the van doing the preliminary paperwork for the booking, etc. About 27 bodies were processed in less than three hours. It was considered a success by all those who participated, and the reserves would like to thank NGWB (Narcotics Group-West Bureau) for working with us, especially Det. **Frank Lyga** who was an excellent teacher for us "first-timers," and patient with all our questions and less than perfect reports. We look forward to having another task force with NGWB!

Congratulations to the committee for this year's Reserve Officer Awards Dinner! All of you did a great job. The room at the Woodland Hills Marriott looked beautiful. Reserve Officer **Wesley Ru** graciously donated the commemorative mugs that attendees received as "party favors." The mugs, for those of you who did not attend, are white with the 50th anniversary double-badge logo on the front. They are a great keepsake, and our thanks to Wesley Ru for his generosity. Mr. Jerry Dunphy did a fabulous job as "MC" for the evening. He conveyed the attitude of genuine appreciation for the Reserve Corps, which was very nice indeed. The evening's entertainment was billed as Mr. Louie Anderson, but the funniest line of the night was delivered by Deputy Chief **Martin Pomeroy**! If you were there, you know what I'm talking about; if not, you'll have to ask someone who was there. Most of Mr. Anderson's routine was hilarious, but I did have a

problem with his continual referral of Chief **Willie Williams** as "Mr. Williams." It does not matter if you like, dislike, support or not support the man in the office. The holder of that office, whoever he (or she) may be, is entitled to all the respect due the rank, and that includes being properly addressed as "chief." I suggest Mr. Anderson brush up on his protocol. He may also like to rethink the wisdom of announcing to a room full of cops his belief that drugs should be legalized. While I do not agree with his view, I will defend to the death his right to hold and express that view. I just think he may want to select a different venue next time. Stick to the donut jokes, Louie, and the cops will continue to laugh along with you.

Congratulations to 1996's Reserve Officer of the Year, **Jason Blum**, from West Los Angeles Division. Jason, a top graduate of the 5-91R Class, has proven he's got the right stuff on many occasions. In just one instance, he was able to calm and negotiate with a mentally disturbed individual (who may have had a child as hostage) over a period of several hours while maintaining his poise and patience. In continuing telephonic contact with the suspect for nearly six hours, Officer Blum, along with SWAT hostage negotiators, managed to enable a peaceful surrender of the suspect. Congratulations to Reserve Officer Jason Blum for his excellent job performance and the recognition of his abilities.

Congratulations to **Jackie Landtiser** of Foothill Division on being chosen Reserve Coordinator of the Year! Her reserves from Foothill were at the table next to mine, and my ears are still reverberating from the applause and cheers from them when Jackie's name was announced!

In-service for May:

5/10/97 Weapons Familiarization;
5/10/97 Tactical Communications.

A last word: While freshening up in the ladies' lounge at the Marriott the night of the banquet, a couple of ladies asked me why so many cops were there and what was the meaning of the badge pin. After delivering my usual reserve corps history synopsis and recruiting pitch, including the part about doing this for free because we're volunteers, the one lady looked at me and said, "You're crazy. You're all crazy...but, thank you!"

Until next time.

by Paul M. Weber
Officer Representation Section

Who dares, wins. -- Anonymous motto of the British Special Air Service Regiment

The average citizen or criminal does not have to talk to the police if they do not want to. They may invoke the Fifth and Sixth Amendment right to remain silent and have an attorney present prior to questioning. You as a police officer do not have the same level of rights. Your duty as a police officer may supersede your rights as a citizen. If you commit misconduct or are a potential witness you may be compelled to give a statement to Internal Affairs. This compelled statement can include information that is against your best interest.

The courts have recognized this potential dilemma and the result is a balancing act. You may be compelled to give a statement that can incriminate you. However, there are limits placed on its use. The statement is not supposed to be used by a prosecutor or criminal investigator to make their case against you. If there is use of this information, it can be suppressed later in court. *This statement can and will be used in any future administrative disciplinary proceedings.*

This is how you invoke your limited rights in this area. At the beginning of the interview you will be advised of your Miranda rights because there is a possibility of criminal activity down the line. The first time you, as a police officer, are advised of your rights, it can be chilling to hear those words. These rights are read to you in order to protect you and should always be met with, "Yes, No, No." The investigator will then order you to give a statement for administrative purposes only. (Lybarger admonition.)

If for some reason you opt to waive your rights, your statement can and will be used against you in any future arena. You almost never have anything to gain by waiving your rights. You should always consult with an attorney prior to making any decision to waive your rights.

As a police officer involved in an incident, you should be ordered to cooperate. If involved in a use of force, traffic accident, or pursuit, you are required to complete reports. These reports could be used against you in future legal action. If your super-

visor orders you to complete these forms, they are now compelled statements. The first sentence could read: "Sergeant Smith ordered me to complete this form and make this statement." I am not advocating you refuse to cooperate, but only in protecting yourself while doing this extremely dangerous job.

This is a difficult subject to cover and has many nuances to it. Please discuss this with a competent representative or an attorney prior to making any decision. We can be reached at (213) 485-9516, Monday through Friday 0800-1700, or though DHD during off hours at (213) 485-2504.

Congratulations

The Los Angeles Police Protective League, at its recent conference announced that Police Officer III **Tim Sands**, Foothill Patrol Division, was selected as Defense Representative of the Year for 1996. This award is given to the defense representative who over the course of the year performs his duties in an exemplary manner.

Tim is a 23-year veteran of the Department and has spent his entire career in field assignments prior to becoming a defense representative. He is married and the father of three children. When he is not at work you will find him on the local golf course.

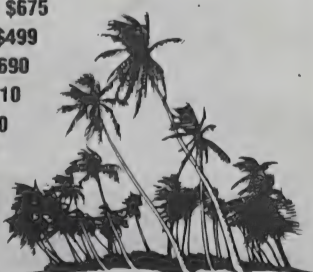
Tim's dedication, work ethic, and desire to help his fellow officers is the foundation of his success as a defense representative. He has handled some of the most difficult and high profile cases with ease. The personnel at the Officer Representation Section are gratified to see Tim receive this richly deserved honor.

Police Officer **Jim Martin** and I received the outstanding Defense Representative award for 1996. Jim was recognized for his hard work and dedication to serving his fellow police officers. Jim's quiet and determined manner has made him one of the finest representatives in the unit. I would not be surprised to see Jim receive Defense Representative of the Year for 1997. I am extremely honored to work with both of these men who on a daily basis exceed the highest standards of the Los Angeles Police Department.

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LAPD SKI TEAM SCORES A TRIPLE-DOUBLE!



by Ingrid Braun

Last year we thought we had our best year ever, but this year was better than we thought possible. We had a total of thirty racers competing in five races, amassing a total of 122 medals and several team and individual awards. We scored a triple-double by winning first place at two events three years in a row!

The season started in late January with the Canadian Police Ski Race in Big White, British Columbia. Unfortunately, it was too early for most of us, and we were represented by our number one retiree, Bill Page. Wouldn't it be nice if we all had time to go to all the races!

Next up was the California Fire/Police Games at Mammoth Mountain. It really is too bad they don't have a team competition at this race because we certainly earned first place. Not only did we have a big turnout from our team, we had seven racers (Steve Allen, Mike Braun, Rick Conrado, Rob Lerner, Mike Moriarty, Bill Page, Max Phillips and Andy Smith) make it to the Dual Slaloms. The Dual Slaloms is a highlight of the event where the top slalom racers compete in a head-to-head race down the hill. The top four finishers are awarded bib numbers one through four for next year's race. Wouldn't you just know it, Mike Braun got bib #2 and Rob Lerner got bib #4. Mike Moriarty also received a nice trophy for being the fastest cross-country skier. Way to go!

Our really big competition was the International Police Winter Games in Lake Tahoe. We had the biggest team there, with twenty-seven team members representing the LAPD. For the past two years our team

has won the first place team trophy, and this year was a three-peat. Our crack team of Bill Page, Charles Rodriguez, Mike Patton, Mark Leon and Mike Johnson won that trophy with little difficulty. And speaking of Mike Johnson, wow! He is a phenomenal cross-country skier! Some of our team members were out to dinner one night when they ran into some cross-country skiers from San Francisco PD. All they could talk about was this new guy from LAPD who blew everybody away. Mike was so good he was awarded the Outstanding Nordic Skier Award. And we never would have retained our first place trophy without him. But we can't forget our other cross-country skiers, Mike Moriarty and Chris Collier, who would have had golds and silvers had they not been competing against Mike Johnson.

From Lake Tahoe, several team members headed east on I-80. Some went to the Utah Police Officers Ski Race in Park City, and the rest traveled a little farther to the North American Police Ski Championships in Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado. First let's check on the Utah results. Again, with the help of Mike Johnson, we had our second three-peat and won the first place trophy for the third year in a row. The team of Mike Johnson, Mike Moriarty, Steve Allen and Andy Smith smokes all the competition by an overwhelming margin. Mike Johnson was also awarded the best Overall Skier by competing (and winning) in both Alpine and Nordic events. Maybe someday they will actually let us take the traveling trophy out of Utah because we're just going to keep on winning!

Finally, eleven of us made quite a showing at the North American Police Ski Championships. Our competition from the

Aspen PD and surrounding areas were awed by the talent on our team. "How the hell does a team from L.A. learn to race like that?" quoted an anonymous source. Rob Lerner, Rick Conrado and Ingrid Braun were given awards for being the fastest unseeded racers in their groups. Mike Braun just missed that award by hundredths of a second. But he made up for it by winning the Men's Expert Team First Place Award with Rob Lerner, beating out Aspen PD and Pitkin County (in which Aspen is located). Let's not forget Tony Levey and Bob McDonald who won second place in the Men's Advanced Team competition, and also Kelli Stallings and Heather Wade who won first place in the Women's Beginning Team Competition.

Our race season is now over, but we would like to make a couple of special mentions. First, Kevin Standage trained all season only to injure his shoulder and miss all the competitions. He definitely would have been an asset to the team, and we wish him a speedy recovery for next year. Second, Mike Reyes seeded into a competitive group for the IPWG but broke his clavicle before he got to actually compete. We hope to see everyone return next year, and look forward to seeing those racers on our team who were unable to compete this year. The LAPD Ski Team has earned quite a reputation as a talented powerhouse within the police ski racing community, not just in the United States, but around the world. We are always looking for new members, so if this has sparked an interest, call our team captain Mike Braun at (805) 250-8167 or Rick Conrado at Northeast Juvenile Detectives.

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1997 LAPD SKI TEAM COMPETITORS

Racer	Races	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Awards
Steve Allen	1,2,3	4	2	2	UPOSR - 1st Place Team
Ingrid Braun	2,4	3	1	2	NAPSC - Fastest Unseeded Women's Expert Aggregate - 2nd
Mike Braun	1,2,4	1	1	5	NAPSC - Men's Expert Team - 1st
Dick Burrow	1,2				
Cris Cavazos	2			2	
Chris Collier	2			3	
Rick Conrado	1,2,4	2	6	1	NAPSC - Fastest Unseeded Nation's Cup Team - 2nd
John Dunlop	2			2	IPWG - Outstanding Nordic Skier 1st Place Team
Mike Johnson	2,3	8		1	UPOSR - Best Overall Skier 1st Place Team
Kevin Korne	2				
Mark Leon	2	2	2		IPWG - 1st Place Team
Rob Lerner	1,2,4	4	2	1	NAPSC - Fastest Unseeded Men's Expert Team - 1st
Tony Levey	2,4	2	2	3	NAPSC - Men's Advanced Aggregate - 3rd; Men's Advanced Team - 2nd
Bob Markussen	2,4				
Bob McDonald	1,2,4	1	1	1	NAPSC - Men's Advanced Team - 2nd
Mike Moriarty	1,2,3	5	3	6	UPOSR - 1st Place Team; Fire/Police - Fastest Cross-Country
Ron Newton	1,2				
Bill Page	1,2,4,5	3	7	2	IPWG - 1st Place Team
Mike Patton	2	1		1	IPWG - 1st Place Team
Max Phillips	1,2,4	2		3	
Mike Picard	2			1	
Mike Reyes	2				
Charles Rodriguez	2	3			IPWG - 1st Place Team
Andy Smith	1,2,3	1	1	5	UPOSR - 1st Place Team
Kelli Stallings	2,4	4		1	NAPSC - Women's Beginner Team - 1st; Women's Beginning Aggregate - 1st
Dave Stambaugh	1,2			1	
Kevin Standage	Injured				
Heather Wade	2,4	1	3		NAPSC - Women's Beginner Team - 1st; Women's Beginner Aggregate - 2nd
Isaiah Williams	1				
Lindsey Williams	2			2	

RACES

1 - California Fire/Police Games

2 - International Police Winter Games (IPWG)

3 - Utah Police Officers' Ski Race (UPOSR)

4 - North American Police Ski Championships (NAPSC)

5 - Canadian Police Ski Race

LOS ANGELES POLICE SKI TEAM WINTER AND POLICE



1997 RACE EVENTS

- JAN. 26-31 (Canadian Police Ski Race, Big White, B.C.)
- FEB. 9-13 (California Fire/Police Winter Games, Mammoth Mountain)
- FEB. 23-27 (International Police Winter Games, Lake Tahoe)
- MAR. 2-6 (Utah Police Officers Ski Race, Park City, Utah)
- MAR. 2-8 (North American Police Ski Championships, Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado)



Mike Moriarty, Andy Smith, Steve Allen and Mike Johnson - Utah Police Ski Race.



Mike Moriarty - Biathlon Cross Country Race at the Utah Police Ski Race, Park City.



Ski team coordinators - Mike Braun, Rick Conrado and Ingrid Braun.



Isaiah Williams focused in the starting gate at the Fire/Police Winter Games.



Team member Rob Lerner, the Master of Ceremonies at the International Police Winter Games.



Mike Braun - G.S. Race at Squaw Valley (I.P.W.G.)



The Winning Combination! - First place team at the I.P.W.G. (Charles Rodriguez, Mike Johnson, Bill Page, Mark Leon and Mike Patton.



Our Cross Country Stars - Lake Tahoe Winter Games (Chris Collier, Mike Johnson)

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TEAM 1997

OLYMPICS ICE SKI RACES



Tony Levey tucking for the finish line in Snowmass.



1997 Alpine Team at I.P.W.G. (left to right) 1st row - Rob Lerner, Bill Page, Rick Conrado, Carol Ulrich, Mike Braun, Ingrid Braun, Bob McDonald. 2nd row - Steve Allen, Bob Markussen, Tony Levey, Mike Patton, Dave Stambaugh, Kevin Korne, Lindsey Williams. 3rd row - Charles Rodriguez, Max Phillips, Mike Picardi, Heather Wade, Kelli Stallings, Cris Cavazos, Dick Burrow. Top row - Andy Smith, Mike Reyes, Mark Leon, Ron Newton.



First place team, 3rd year in a row at Utah Police Officers Ski Race. Mike Moriarty, Andy Smith, Mike Johnson and Steve Allen.



Mark and Wendy Leon, Mike Johnson, and John & Yvette Dunlop. Awards presentation at Northstar (I.P.W.G.).



NAPSC Race, Snowmass, Co.: Top row - Bob McDonald, Bob Markussen, Tony Levey, Rob Lerner, Max Phillips, Rick Conrado. Bottom row - Bill Page, Kelli Stallings, Heather Wade, Ingrid Braun and Mike Braun.



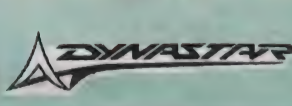
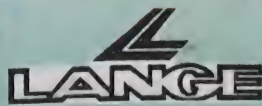
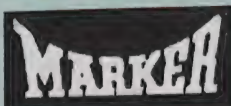
Stars - Big time winners at the International Police Winter Games, Mike Johnson and Mike Moriarty.



Womens Expert Class At North American Police Ski Championships. (Connie Labres - CHP, Ingrid Braun - LAPD, Anne Robertson - Windsor Police Department, Canada).

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Mike Braun

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February 28, 1997 - "The Day Willpower Beat Firepower"

by Nick Zingo

When you enter the front lobby of the North Hollywood Police Station, you are confronted with four pictures of fallen officers affixed to the wall behind the front desk. Police Officer Steven Alberts, May 1981, killed in a traffic collision responding to a back-up call; Det. Tom Williams, October 1985, murdered by a suspect he was investigating. The suspect used a machine gun to kill him as he picked up his son from school; Officer James Beya, June 1988, gunned down by a burglary suspect; Officer Tina Kerbrat, February 1991, murdered during a drinking in public investigation. There are two pictures not on the walls: Dets. Arleigh McCree and Ron Ball of the Bomb Squad, February 1986, who were killed while disarming a bomb in a garage in North Hollywood. Because of these deaths, there is a motto echoed throughout the Division: "No more pictures on the wall."

Patrol officers as first responders are the first to arrive, first to be injured and unfortunately first to be shot. Patrol officers must react to an already static situation, attempt to stabilize and contain it. This is an awesome responsibility for an over-worked patrol force. Support units generally respond to a somewhat contained or stabilized situation and are allowed the luxury of coordinating, planning and delegating.

As in any division, safety and tactics are a prime consideration. Because of some of the bizarre circumstances of officers murdered in the past, many North Hollywood training sessions are (sarcastically) concluded with, "But remember, nothing ever happens in North Hollywood."

The shootout which occurred on February 28, 1997 was perhaps the most bizarre, and most historic incident to occur in the history of the Los Angeles Police Department and will be talked about for years to come.

The Bank of America Shootout

On February 28, 1997, at 0917 hours, Officer Lorren Farell and Martin Perello were Southbound in the 6600 block of Laurel Canyon when they observed two heavily armed gunmen in military commando type outfits enter the Bank of America forcing a hostage, who had just finished using the ATM, inside the bank. Officers immediately broadcasted a "211 in progress" and help call. Numerous patrol units as well as the



North Hollywood Detectives responded and surrounded the Bank of America unaware of what would happen moments later.

As various units took up positions around the bank, automatic gunfire could be heard from within the bank. Responding officers had no idea if hostages were being executed or who was being fired upon. As the suspects exited the front door to make good their getaway, one of the suspects observed responding police and immediately laid down a field of automatic gunfire from his assault weapon. While attempting to escape, the suspects wounded at least ten officers, five civilians and one dog. The brazen conduct of the suspects appalled all at the scene. The suspects were braced for battle in full body armor and one of the two suspects walked slowly across the bank parking lot continuously spraying automatic weapon fire as he waited for his accomplice to start their bullet-riddled get-

away car.

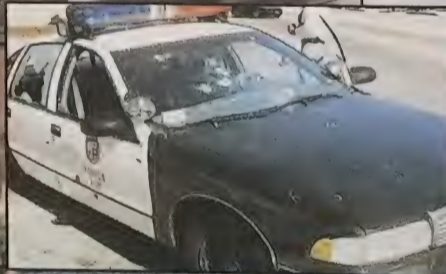
Thanks to the response of uniformed officers and detectives, the gun battle which ensued down Archwood Street ultimately resulted in the demise of both robbery suspects.

Numerous acts of bravery occurred that day. Officers and civilian lives were saved by these individual actions, whether it was an officer/civilian rescue or simply pelting the suspects with a constant barrage of 9mm semi-automatic gunfire from all directions. This incident probably more than any other emulates the Department's motto: "To protect and serve." Since the incident, North Hollywood has adopted another motto: "The Day Willpower Beat Firepower."

Hero Stories

North Hollywood Police Officers Stuart Guy and his probationer, Jim Zboravan, were among the first responders. They took up a position to the west and across the street from the bank. Both were among the first to be struck by the suspect's gunfire. Zboravan threw himself on top of Detective Tracie Angeles to shield her from gunfire, because he knew she did not wear a bullet-proof vest. Little did he realize his attempt to protect the detective was futile. The suspect's gunfire pierced his bulletproof vest wounding him. Officer Guy's first thoughts upon arriving at the scene were with the civilians in the bank. Guy thought about what he called "those poor people in the bank, they have no training, no weapons to defend themselves, they are so helpless." Within moments Guy was wounded by the suspect's gunfire and he realized firsthand how vulnerable everyone in the area could be.

North Hollywood Patrol Sergeant Dean Haynes was among the first supervisors to arrive and took up a position just north of the bank. He also was wounded. It is Sgt. Haynes who can be heard on the communications tape stating that he had been hit by the suspect's gunfire. It is also Haynes who can be heard telling communications



his wound was not life threatening and to first rescue the more seriously wounded officers. Haynes continued to broadcast the suspect's route of travel and description, while still under fire.

Van Nuys Patrol Officers Anthony Cubonac and Todd Schmitz drove into the parking lot where Officer Guy lay wounded with the knowledge that it was still under heavy automatic gunfire. They provided cover for Detective Angeles and rescued Officer Guy in one of the few operable police vehicles.

These are only a few of the numerous hero stories which evolved from February 28, 1997. There were numerous heroic acts on the part of numerous responders from various divisions which will be told upon the completion of the Robbery Homicide OIS investigation.

Community Support

The aftermath to February 28, 1997, was something no one had expected or been prepared for. The outpouring of community support was overwhelming. This was evidenced by thousands of letters, postcards and E-mail from AROUND THE WORLD. Officers were stopped on the street by people wishing to shake their hands or who wanted their photo taken with a Los Angeles Police Officer. People driving by officers would honk their horn and give a "thumbs up." Overnight the LAPD, like the mythical Phoenix, had risen from the ashes. This support has given new meaning to being a Los Angeles Police Officer.

A Giving Back

While all North Hollywood officers and the rest of the Department bask in the glow of glory, we must remember that we cannot just "take" what the community was and is willing to give. Whatever the community's expectation of us as officers was prior to February 28, 1997, IT IS NOW MUCH HIGHER. So now, more than ever, we must strive to maintain and exceed the community's expectations of the LAPD as true heroes and heroines.

The horrific Bank of America robbery of February 28, 1997, is something that we as officers must build on. For the first time in a long time the public, thanks to the media, had the opportunity to see as it unfolded exactly what officers are faced with and just what officers are willing to do. No more will we hear that officers are unwilling or afraid to do their jobs.

In reality, nothing has changed. Our officers have always been willing to protect and to serve. Had the robbery occurred elsewhere, any other police division would have provided a similar response and engaged the suspects. The Bank of America robbery on February 28, 1997, did not magically transform the LAPD into heroes and heroines. It was the 28th which allowed us to



Photos by Mike Meadows

regain our worldwide recognition as heroes and heroines. WE have always been HEROES and HEROINES. It is the people of this organization that make it NUMBER ONE. It is the people of this organization that make it GREAT!

The Winning Attitude

The officers of this organization are trained never to give up, to always survive. It is this proper winning attitude which caused the battle of the 28th to turn in the favor of the officers. We were faced with insurmountable odds and superior firepower, yet the good guys won! Deputy Chief Pomeroy characterized the 28th in this manner: "It was simply a matter of good versus evil and good prevailed."

In conclusion, as Officer Stuart Guy sat wounded on the ground, unable to move, behind a van clutching his 9mm semi-automatic pistol in his hand, he repeated over and over to himself: "I will survive, I will survive."

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SPORTS BEAT



From The Sports Desk:



By Lew Snow,
LAPRAAC
Sports Editor

This month we're back in a holding pattern. Our press deadline was the first week of April, which means this was written *before* the big Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay was held. We'll have photos, results, and full coverage of the 13th annual desert to Gomorra run in the June issue of the *Blue Line*.

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Last month we discussed how the midwest pork conglomerates have pulled out the stops to ensure the 77th Street Powerpigs win their third straight Intra-Departmental Bench Press title on Friday, May 2. Perhaps we spoke too soon.

Southwest Division's bench press team has thrown down the gauntlet and has threatened to "huff, and puff, and blow the Powerpigs' house down." Although we're not sure just what is the motivation behind the challenge, rumor is the Big Bad Wolf Anti-Defamation League, the Border Collie Breeders Association,

and the "Just Say No to Trayf" Committee are working behind the scenes to make Southwest's challenge become reality.

Will von Lutzow's porcines repeat, or will they end up crying "wee wee wee all the way home?" Stay tuned...

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Coming up at the end of next month (June 27-July 4) is the World Police and Fire Games in beautiful Calgary, Canada. A reminder that LAPRAAC will provide competition outfits to all LAPD athletes who are participating, but only on a first-come, first-served basis. For applications and more information, call Athletic Director Tony Adler at (213) 222-4601.

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We'd like to take this opportunity to officially give a big *Sports Beat* welcome to Debbie Moeller, who has moved up (literally...three flights of stairs) to the new position of Athletic Director Secretary.

One of LAPRAAC's hardest workers, her duties will include assisting Tony Adler in his goal to expand participation in the department's athletic program. She is currently co-coordinator of the Memorial Run and Relay, and has helped coordinate the last two Sports Awards Dinners.

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It's baseball season again. That means two things:

A) Don't plan on a quick trip to the Academy in the early evenings when the Dodgers are in town (or when they're playing a day game at home);

B) LAPRAAC has arranged for a block of Reserved Level tickets for upcoming Dodger games. These tickets are now on sale (\$11 each) at the LAPRAAC office at the Academy.

Currently available are: Tues., May 6, 7:05 p.m. -- Cincinnati Reds; Fri., May 9, 7:05 p.m. -- Montreal Expos;

Mon., May 26, 5:05 p.m. -- Florida Marlins; Fri., June 6, 7:05 p.m. -- St. Louis Cardinals; Wed., June 11, 7:35 p.m. -- Houston Astros; Wed., June 18, 7:35 p.m. -- Anaheim Angels; Tues., June 24, 7:05 p.m. -- Colorado Rockies; and Sat., June 28, 1:05 p.m. -- San Diego Padres. Tickets for additional games in July, August and September will be announced at a later date.

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Snow Job (part deux)

If you throw a cat out a car window, does it become kitty litter?

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HOW TO GET SPORTS ARTICLES PUBLISHED

Because of printing schedules, you must think a month or so ahead. May 3 is the deadline for the June issue, June 3 for the July issue. If you've got something going on in May or June, we need to know now!

Be sure to put a name and phone number on your articles. We reserve the right to edit and cannot guarantee publication. Black and white photos are preferred. Identify all people in the picture and tell us who took the photo.

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"Antarctica: The Last Marathon"

by Mike Brandt,
LAPD Retired

In the eternal quest for a truly unique place and for the adventure of a lifetime, El Dorado Hills resident Mike Brandt set off to "Antarctica" to run the second international marathon. Only 160 people have ever run a marathon on the seventh continent and only 80,000 people have set foot on the White Continent. It is the only sporting event held in Antarctica.

Mike met the group in Miami and Mike flew to Buenos Aires, Argentina. Buenos Aires is an exciting cosmopolitan, European style, city. The people are wonderful and the food is delightful. Next stop was Ushuaia, the furthest southern city in the world, located in Tierra Del Fuego. The group boarded the Russian science vessel, Akademik Ioffe. The Ioffe set off across Drake Passage, the most treacherous sea on earth, sailing for 30 hours, destination-Antarctica. The first stop was Deception Island and the ruins of the old Hekla Whaling Station.

February 17, 1997 was race day, King George Island, Antarctica. Two ships originally set sail from Ushuaia, with 120 runners, the Akademik Vavilov and Akademik Ioffe. Both arrived safely. On marathon day, the Vavilov was able to put the runners ashore, however, the Ioffe had problems getting the Zodiacs into the choppy, rough white-capped waters. Mother Nature had temporarily interrupted the marathon. The runners on the Ioffe waited patiently for two hours before being able to off-load. The race had started over two hours before the second wave of runners could get ashore. The marathon had to be run in two groups for there would be no second race. It was now or never. It had to happen. Conditions, poor to brutal.

The race began at the Russian base of Bellingshausen. With 2:45 minutes on the clock, the Antarctica Warriors, standing in foot-

sucking mud, darted off, slogging up the ankle deep, muddy, primitive roads, sloshing through swift, cold streams, which instantly numbed the feet, up and onto the Collins Glacier while enduring vicious winds, with temperatures in the high 20s and a windchill factor of zero. Hypothermia was on everyone's mind. The roads were the good parts. During the race, aggressive Skuas attacked from the air, Fur Seals, startled by the activity, barked at passing runners and Chinstrap penguins stood on the sideline in awe. The marathon course ran between Bellingshausen, to Artigas (Uruguayan Base) to Eduardo Frel (Chilean Base) and The Great Wall (Chinese Base). Mike, running with a mountain climbing friend he'd met in Russia, finished this endurance feat in 5:30 minutes. A far cry from his personal best of 3:30 minutes. This was marathon #27 for Mike. It was tough, wet, muddy and very cold. Finishing the marathon and finishing uninjured, was Mike's goal. Time was unimportant; "Safety first and above all." Mike had learned that from his many years of mountain climbing. Mike is a veteran of Mt. Everest, McKinley, Kilimanjaro, Elbrus and other great peaks around the world.

After the marathon, Mike toured various research bases along the continent to include Port Lockroy (British Antarctic Territories), and Paradise Bay, an Argentine base. The group visited numerous penguin rookeries, saw many seals, whales, albatrosses and a variety of feathered friends. The trip was capped off with Zodiac ventures among the scenic icebergs where an occasional Humpback or Minke whale would surface. The trip back was sad, for what everyone witnessed was a truly pristine continent, with all its beauty and grandeur, which cannot be put into words. This was truly a unique adventure of a lifetime.

Los Angeles Police Department WOMEN'S SOCCER

In 1995, several sworn members of the Los Angeles Police Department joined together and formed the Department's first women's soccer team. This was done with the goal of promoting camaraderie, physical fitness, pride and teamwork among our officers within the forum of soccer competition. The team has since grown to include 19 women who are assigned to various full time duties throughout the Department.



Over the past two years, our team has represented the Department and the city at numerous local and international competitions and charity events. We have done so with a great deal of pride, dignity, and professionalism. The 1996 California Police Summer Games saw the first ever women's soccer competition at this annual statewide event. The LAPD women, in our first year of competition, finished second overall. Later that same year, we traveled to British Columbia, Canada, where we competed in the 1996 North American Police Soccer Championships. As the only United States women's team competing in this event, we once again captured the silver medal against a challenging international field.

In 1997, we hope to be included in both of the above competitions, as well as numerous additional local events. We will be traveling to Fresno for the California Police Summer Games, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania will be playing host to this year's North American Police Soccer Championships.

Representing the city of Los Angeles and our Department is costly every year. As members of the LAPD Women's Soccer Team, our players compete on their own time, and utilize their own money in order to finance participation in these events. The city of Los Angeles does not provide any funding for our team. We hope to gather financial support from community members, businesses, and organizations which would assist us in meeting the financial demands for uniforms, competition entry fees, travel and lodging expenses.

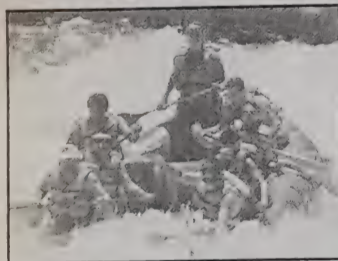


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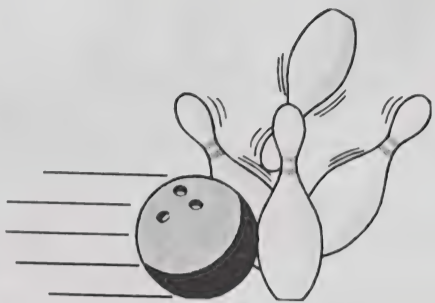
by Marty Weston

Two tournaments have gone by since the last article I have written for *The Thin Blue Line*, so in this article I will update the results of both events. But first a little bowling lore (I knew you were waiting for this part).

Different bowling alleys have quite different lane surfaces these days, and the past tournaments have had quite different lanes. The January tournament at Hemet Bowl still has the traditional wood surface alleys. They are literally a series of one-inch-wide wood planks laid together and placed end to end to form the 60-foot long bowling surface.

In contrast, the February tournament at Cal Bowl (Long Beach) uses sheets of linoleum (like on your kitchen floor) with a photo finish of wood strips to cover the bowling surface. The difference in the surface makes a world of difference to the competitive bowler. It affects all sorts of things like ball rotation, angle and drive, but that's another article.

Bowlers from various LAPD teams did well at both events. In the Hemet competition Carl Steel (Cent Narc), Honour Henry (Hwd), Donna McKnight (Comm) and Roger Moore (CTD) took first place in the handicap team event. Chris Farretta (son of Danny Farretta, WVal) took second place in the handicap singles event. Winning it all was Fred Dyle (ATD), finishing first place in handicap all events.



At Cal Bowl in February LAPD again stepped up and claimed part of the prize fund. In the team event John Balicki (Ret.), Chuck Worthen (Pac), Pete Jack (Hbk), and Darryl Van Roy (Vnys) took second place in the scratch division. Jack and Worthen finished second in handicap doubles. In the singles event Van Roy took a second place in the scratch division and yours truly (Marty Weston, Southeast) finished first place in the handicap division (my third game in that event was a 298, and a bowler from another agency shot a 300 in the same game!).

In spite of some of the big scores, everyone has a chance at the tournaments, as they are all handicapped at 80 percent of 200. We are always looking for new faces and family members are welcome to participate. If you are interested, call me (or leave a message) at Southeast and I will get back to you asap.

I promise not to wait so long to update all of you on the results of our other competitions. See you on the lanes!

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LAPD Fastpitch Softball

by Bob Rose,
Operations Manager

The 1997 version of the LAPD fastpitch softball team kicked off its season with a 6-4 win at Balboa Park in the L.A. City Valley Muni League. Leading the way was one of the new faces, Ernest Fischer, who went 2-3 with three ribbies. Todd Patind also decided to learn this game and his double play at shortstop sealed the victory. J. T. Hsaly was in the outfield and Joe Chavez has also accepted the challenge and will be joining us in Calgary, Canada, for the World Police & Fire Games, June 30 - July 5. The Monday night Muni League will take us right up to the games.

July 27 - August 2 we will travel to Fresno for the California State Summer Games. From 1982 to 1993 this team won 12 consecutive gold medals. After three straight bronze medals, Victor Suapoeca and Bob Rose decided to return the team to its lofty position. Ray Sua remains the mainstay pitcher with Gary Cotrell and Dan Labrada our receiving corps. Returning are outfielders

Glynn Martin and Mike Pelletier with old reliable Will Griggs at second and Cesar Corona cracking the starting lineup at third.



Some more talent is still out there and Victor and Bob would like to hear from you. We will also be having a tourney a month. For more information, contact Bob Rose at VNYS Kit Room at 756-8320.

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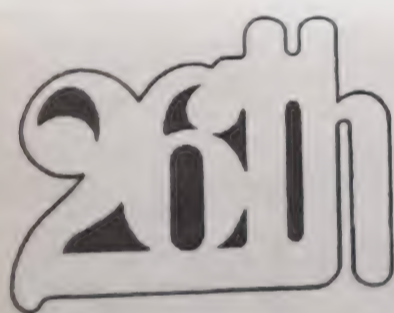
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This year's race returns to Dockweiler Beach in Playa del Rey, which last hosted the event in 1993. The course goes north along the bike path approximately two-and-a-half kilometers, takes a short dog leg into a residential area, and then a quick U-turn back to the finish line. Runners will be inspired by the froth of waves hitting the white beach sands, the smell of fresh ocean air, and the roar of planes taking off from LAX (seemingly one every 10 seconds).

At our press deadline race coordinators Debbie Moeller and Rick Massa were still finalizing plans for the day, which will include attractions for children, entertainment and the traditional drawing for prizes donated by LAPRAAC supporters.

Race day starts at 0800 with a helicopters fly-by, the LAPD Color Guard, and opening ceremonies. This year's event has special significance at it will be Willie Williams' last as Chief of Police. The one-mile fun run (open to kids age 12 and under) will start at 0815.

The individual 5K, open to officers, explorers, jeopardy participants, and friends of LAPD, is set for 0845, with the 25K relay (open to sworn officers only) slated to begin at 0930. Entry fees are \$10 for the fun run, \$15 for the 5k, \$75 per team for the 25K. All race participants will receive a t-shirt.

To enter the race fill out the adjacent application and mail (along with a check payable to LAPRAAC) to: LAPD Memorial Run, P.O. Box 531591, Los Angeles, CA 90053-1591 (or bring it with you on race day). Dockweiler Beach is located at the western terminus of the Century Freeway/Imperial Highway and there is plenty of room to make plans for an all-day family outing.

Race packages (including bibs and t-shirts) should be picked up one week prior to the race. For more information, contact Moeller at (213) 222-4601.

Entry Form for Memorial Run & Relay

Mail with check payable to LAPRAAC (\$10 for the one-mile fun run, \$15 for the 5K, \$75 for teams) to Memorial Run, P.O. Box 531591, Los Angeles, CA 90053-1591, or bring it with you for late registration on Saturday, June 7, 0700-0800.

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- C. 16-17 (5K) male/female
- D. 18-20 (5K) male/female
- E. 21-29 (5K) male/female
- F. 30-39 (5K) male/female
- G. 40-49 (5K) male/female
- H. 50 plus (5K) male/female
- I. Jeopardy (5K) male/female
- J. Explorer (5K) male/female

RELAY TEAMS (from the same area/division)

- K. Females
- L. Mixed Couples (min. two females)
- M. Senior (40 yrs. each)
- N. Masters (combined age over 200 years)
- O. Golden Masters (combined age over 225 years)
- P. 200 lbs. (each must weigh 200 lbs. or more)
- Q. Open

5K (circle one) B C D E F G H I J (from above Individual Divisions)

One Mile Fun run: check here

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DIVISION REPRESENTING: _____

M OR F (Circle one) SHIRT SIZE: _____

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25K/TEAM RELAY APPLICATION: Circle one: K L M N O P Q (from above Relay Team categories)

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DIVISION REPRESENTING: _____

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	NAME FIRST AND LAST	SHIRT SIZE	AGE	SIGNATURE
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5				
TOTAL AGE				

The waiver must be signed by each runner that is participating. If the runner is under the age of eighteen, he/she must have a permission signature from his/her parent or guardian. In consideration of the acceptance of the entry in said 3.1 mile run and/or marathon race, we the above participants intending to be legally bound, do hereby, for ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, waive, release, and forever discharge any and all rights or claims for damages which we, or either of us may have of which hereafter occur to us against LAPRAAC, or the City of Los Angeles while participating in said race. I understand as a sworn officer of the Los Angeles Police Department, that this race does not carry coverage for injury on duty status and I will be responsible for any injuries.

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RETIREMENT ASSOCIATIONS & NOTICES

The Retirement Associations & Notices is a regular feature of the Thin Blue Line. Retirees are encouraged to submit articles for publication. Deadline information can be found under 'Editorial Policies' on Page 2 of this issue.

Conejo Valley Blue Line Association - COBLA

by Jim Docherty

Once upon a time... It's funny, but when old retired guys get together, they always talk about the "good old days." To each generation theirs were the best of days. But for some of us it's difficult to imagine that young officers of the present generation will find it in their hearts to talk about "the good old days" someday in the distant future.

That's not all the old timers talk about. The rascals who put this little organization together were having coffee the other day and

discussed the upcoming barbecue. J. R. Schiller has scouted out a beautiful rustic area off Westlake Boulevard in Thousand Oaks. It's part of a Chumash Indian reservation and has a really neat "Interpretive Center" with a museum. We're planning on having this shindig on July 17, which is a Thursday, and it will be from about 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The entertainment will be that which we all do best...telling lies about "the good old days!"

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Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

On March 15th I was invited to attend the annual luncheon of the old Van Nuys City Hall Detectives held at The Lamplighters. I received a roster of the group and those attending this year from Jim Glasgow, and his recollections of how these luncheons became annual events. Someone at the luncheon mentioned this was the 26th reunion. Here is Jim's information on the history of the annual lunches. "As I recall, the first lunch was instigated by a couple of Irishmen, Pat Keeley and Pat Long, and was for a long time called the St. Patrick Day reunion. We meet on a Saturday near St. Patrick's Day each year. At first it was pretty much a meeting only of those detectives who had worked out of the offices that were in the Van Nuys City Hall at 14410 Sylvan Street, but after awhile we started inviting those men that we had worked with that were F-car guys and some court people we had worked with and wanted to see again, so that is the way the reunion is today. It really should be called the Old Van Nuys City Hall Detectives and all their friends."

I am including the attendees which will bring back memories from times past. They are Hank Acosta, Dale Ayers, Verne Ball, Kenneth Brondell, Guy Brown, Jerry Cohen, Jack Crowley, Clinton Erickson, Mel Gaskell, Al Gastaldo, Jim Glasgow, John Grant, Bill Guldner, John Ide, Dwane Lloyd, Pat Long, Guy Moulder, Bernie Nybo, John Olsen, Ralph Ries, Guy Schlotzhauer, Lyle Strand, Jim Toomey, Earl Wells, Jim Wilding, and Clem Zumel. A good time was had by all who were there and we missed those who did not make it and hope you can make it next year.

Our Valley Retired Blues meet on the third Wednesdays of the month around 11 a.m. at "The Lamplighter Restaurant," located at the corner of Nordhoff Street and DeSoto Avenue in Chatsworth. We meet in a room adjacent to the cocktail lounge area. We would welcome anyone visiting from out of state to come and visit with our regular attendees. No PRIOR reservations are needed. Lunches are ordered from the menu. Our next luncheon will be May 21st. Bar service is available.

We had an overflow room with 39 attending the March 19th meeting. The attendees were John Becker, Barney Boronich, Gene Dillon, Emmett Drennen, Ray Elmer, Don Erath, Clinton Erickson, Bill Feddersen, Arthur Fisher, Robert Gibson, Fred Hall, Harry Hall, Melvin Harner, Morrie Helkin, Flo & Lou Holland, Robert Kjorlein, Tom Lindholm, Royal MacGregor, Lou Mellott, Boris Meneghelli, Lou Netza, Paul Nickolas, Don Noeth, Ray Palaszewski, Leonard Reafleng, Dale Rickards, Bill Rohm, Dustin Splaine, Robert Stevens (from Ridgecrest, California), Charlotte Stevenson, Stuart Stremster, Floyd Tanner, Jim Toomey, Jim Trax, Clark Wardel, Earl Wells, Marion Yates, and Tim Yost. The following are first time attendees: Harry Hall, Robert Kjorlein, Bill Rohm (visiting from Santa Rosa), Bob Stevens, Floyd Tanner and Jim Toomey.

Ray Elmer, Robert Kjorlein, Len Reafleng, Bob Stevens, and Floyd Tanner are my May 27, 1948 academy classmates and if others of our class still reside locally, contact me and maybe we can get together for our own luncheon sometime.

If you need additional information about meetings, call me (Erickson) at (818) 340-2430.

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May, 1997

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Dates to Remember

Date	Name	Time
May		
May 1	Bill Humphry	1800 1900
May 7	Retired Fire & Police BBQ	1200
May 7	Emerald Society Meeting	1900
May 8	Stephen Wratten	1700 1800
May 8	Police Memorial Candlelight Vigil, Sacramento	2000
May 9	Police Memorial Ceremony, Sacramento	1030
May 9	S.A.B.L.A.	1130 1200
May 9	Lynda Putz	1700 1800
May 10	Central Division Reunion	1100
May 12	Police Memorial Ceremony, Parker Center	1300
May 12-15	National Police Week Ceremonies, Washington, D.C.	
May 13-14	National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies, Washington, D.C.	
May 14	LA County Memorial Ceremony, Sheriff's Training Center, Whittier	1000
May 15	Police Memorial Day	
May 16	James Welch	1830
May 17	26th Annual Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament	1000
May 21	Valley Retired Blues	1100 1200
May 30	Herb Seitz	1730 1900
June		
June 4	Emerald Society Meeting	1900
June 6	Metro Division Reunion	1700
June 7	Prescott Area Blue Line Reunion	1300
June 7	LAPD Memorial Run & Relay	
June 9-11	77th Street Division Reunion/Golf Tournament	
June 20	Central Coast Retired LAPD	
June 21	Sierra Nevada Retired Blue Line Association	1830
June 27-July 4	World Police and Fire Games	
July		
July 2	Stephen Brown	1130
July 11	Bill Malin	1700 1900
July 12	LAPD Motor Officers Reunion	1500
July 17	Conejo Valley Blue Line BBQ	1600
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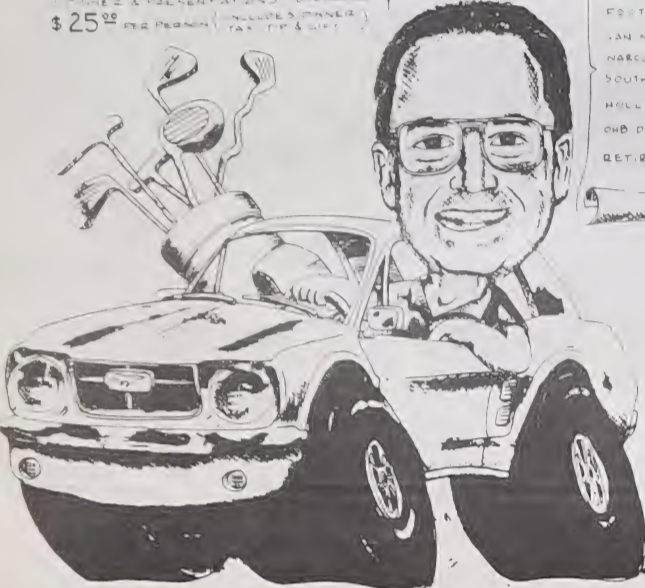
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Sacramento Area Blue Line Association

by Bernie Remas

Spring has sprung in Sacramento! We hope your "springs" are OK, and that the weather is being kind to you, wherever you are reading this *Blue Line*.

This is the month of May and traditionally here in Sacramento, Police Week is proclaimed for the entire state of California. This year, the week of May 12th will be Police Week. In Sacramento there is a memorial service conducted for all our brother police officers who have died in the line of duty this past year. This service is held at the Police Memorial in the park across the street from the State Capitol here in Sacramento. All of you are encouraged to attend the memorial service which will be held on Thursday, May 15, 1997. I don't have the time of the service at this writing, so please check with me around the first of May. While you're there, don't forget to read the memorial poem inscribed on the memorial. It was written by one of our own LAPD retired **George Hahn**. The words are a beautiful tribute to those who have given their all.

As told here last month, SABLA had a great guest speaker for our luncheon. **Tom Lange**, retired LAPD of OJ fame, was picked up at the Sacramento Airport by our Prez **Ed Lewandowski**. He was given a short tour of Lottery Headquarters, and introduced to a few of us LAPDers from the **Lew Ritter** era. Then it was off to the Palomino Restaurant for a luncheon with the largest crowd of the year. Our food is always pretty good, but the guest speaker was better than his advance billing. Tom's presentation was excellent. With no prepared text, he easily answered ques-

tions from the audience, much to the glee of all. Tom is an articulate speaker, and in this case, he knows everything, extremely well. He knows his subject matter well, so you expect him "to tell it like it is." And so he did. We're extremely grateful to Tom for his presentation. Those of us in SABLA now believe we have the correct and accurate facts about the OJ trial. OJ is guilty, and committed two murders, by himself.

Gene DeCrona provided all the SABLA members with an extensive Estate Planning & Survivor's Checklist. It is a comprehensive several pages. But it is easy to follow and fill in the blanks. The document is a valuable resource for all of us to use, and have ready for family and relatives. If you did not obtain a copy, contact **Hoy Key** at home or through the SABLA address: P.O. Box 60353, Sacramento, CA 95860-0353.



From left: Ed Lewandowski, Tony Baldassano, Joel Garcia and Steve Hartstrom.

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All of our SABLA members have been encouraged to submit a personal profile and resume in their own words

to Hoy Key for use in the SABLA newsletter. Now you non-members don't have access to this newsletter that Hoy Key produces each month, because he doesn't send them to **no pay wannabes**. So there. For last month, he put together the career of former Deputy Chief **Lew Ritter**, and inaugural officer of SABLA. His is a wonderful story and I will bring the details of his career to you next month. His 28 years with LAPD "produced a lifetime of happy memories," and we'll highlight those years next time.

As stated here before, the best Blue Line get-together in the ten western states is held at **Ron & Marilyn Kiser's** place in the wine country of Sonoma, California. SABLA doesn't like to brag, but we will! New date. Please mark it down. **September 27, 1997**. A Saturday. It's not too soon to start mak-

ing plans to be there. Some of you need to do some advance planning, so get ready now, so you won't be left out when September rolls around.

For those of you that might have missed last month's *Blue Line*, Ron Kiser has made me promise to announce that this barbecue be a combined—everyone's all come—and a 40th, yes, 40th year reunion of our LAPD Academy class of April 29, 1957! So if you subtract 40 from 97, it comes out to 57. So you got the right year, Ron. Last year there were four of us: Kiser, **Bill Heins** from Red Bluff, "**Dutch**" **Reynolds** from Canoga Park, and me. We know there are more of you out there, and we'd like to hear from you on why you cannot make it this year. Kiser doesn't like excuses. He wants answers. **Roi Brown** of Temple City almost made it last year, but didn't! Roi wrote us a letter after the fact, but we want a letter out front on why you can't be there! OK Roi?? So all of you classmates, call Ron at (707) 938-4937. Or write to SABLA at P.O. Box 60353, Sacramento,



From left: Jerry Lewis and Tom Lange (seated).



From left: Ed Lewandowski and Tom Lange.

CA 95860. We'd like all of you to be there on September 27, 1997. And bring a guest and money!

And this is not a closed barbecue. If some of you other guys and gals want to set up a reunion for your Academy classes, there is plenty of room and you're welcome to join us. For the barbecue you can even come alone!! We'd like to see who you're with these days, and we need the money for a companion, but it's OK if you're by yourself. Just don't forget the date. Saturday, September 27, 1997, Sonoma, California.

We have a new Del Webb Sun City development here in the Sacramento area which has been mentioned here before. We now have a new SABLA member who has taken up residence there along with **Lew Ritter**. **Hal White** was at our March meeting and we'll tell you more about him next time.

If it's Wednesday, May 8th, then you have 24 hours to get to the Palomino Restaurant - Watt & El Camino in Sacramento for the Thursday SABLA luncheon, May 9, 1997. It's 1130 for social time, 1200 for lunch and 1230 if we have a speaker. If no speaker, then all the more time to visit some of the best LAPD veterans you'll ever meet! Come visit us!

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From left: Tom Lange, Ed Lewandowski and Justin Dyer.

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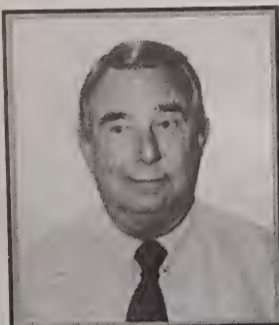


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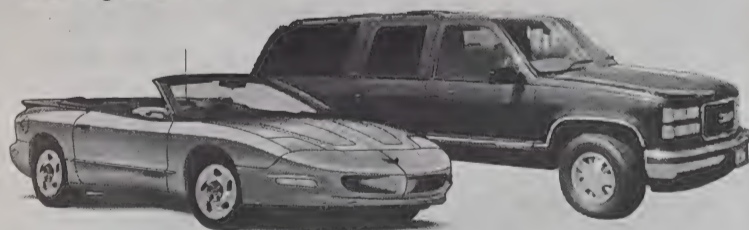


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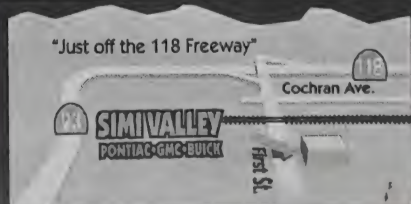
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Inland Blue Line

by Loyd Yandle

We had so many requests for a speaker who knew about nursing homes and convalescent homes. It is something none of us likes to think about, but is sure important to think about as we get older. We had a good turnout to hear **Gary Fullerton** from the Los Angeles Protective League. He gave an excellent presentation. All of us are a little more aware of what takes place when Medicare runs out, and believe me it will. **Gary Barnhart** from Sedgwick James Insurance Co. enlightened us as to costs and what we will expect if any of us has to go to some care facility. Gary Fullerton is going to research this subject further and should come up with a good program that we can afford. I had done some research on my own and if you members want additional information, that can be arranged by additional qualified speakers. Travelers Insurance Co. has a good plan and Manor Care Convalescent Home has additional information and will be available for future meetings if you want them.

We were saddened by the sudden death of **Dick Dean**, who passed away January 20, 1997 from pneumonia. Dick was a regular and we'll miss him.

Who would have thought when we started the Inland Blue Line club in January, 1983, it would balloon into such a large club. We now have over 300 members and still growing. In the past two months I have had calls from all over, like Washington, Idaho, Arizona, California and Wyoming, for requests to join our club.

We enjoyed welcoming so many guests: **Clinton Erickson** from Valley Blue Line, sent in dues for membership and brought **Stu Stremsterfer** (who I had not seen for 35 years); and **John Becker**. **Frosty Neumeyer** brought **Dick Osting**.

Don Cory has recovered from his stroke and showed up and brought **Joe Smith**. **Irene Gardner** brought **Ruth Beck**. **Joe Aguirre** invited **Nick Najera**. **Ray Knight** came with **Graeme Jacobs**. **Lynn & Marie Selby** invited **Roy & Lois Stokes**. **Lynn & Marie** never miss a meeting and are good promoters of the club. **Harlee Lassiter** came for the first time and brought **Raymond Strait**. **Gerald Moe** picked up **George Mrakich** and invited him to join up. It makes a person feel good to see old friends light up when they meet old friends after so many years.

Don Vanover convinced ex-motor officer **Bob Hale** into coming to the luncheon. He sure met a lot of his old motor squad buddies. I believe there are more ex-motor officers in the club now, then there are of us normal people. Just kidding! We all love you guys regardless of what others say about you.

Howard & Grace Barnes just got back from visiting **John & Eleanor Crenshaw** in Arizona. Howard says John is looking good, but both of them miss all the old gang, especially the Inland Blue Line members. John & Eleanor rarely missed a meeting. You are always welcome. We all miss you. **Howard & Grace Barnes** plan on moving to Sun City, Arizona, in the near future.

Joe Rachaber is doing just great. The tornadoes that hit the east missed **Butler, Missouri**. **Hymie Kravitz** is doing good but misses all you guys. He will never get used to living in Yamhill. He belongs down here with his old buddies. We are always thinking about you Hymie. Miss your jokes and smiling face.

Never thought it could happen to me but Feb. 28 some teenage punks stole my Honda. They drove it around Hemet for 10 days before some good citizen called the police when they noticed the broken window. They had put 611 miles on it. Believe it or not, the officer that made the recovery actually fingerprinted my vehicle and got fifteen excellent prints. No suspects yet. The garage has had my Honda since March 10th. It's a good thing I paid a little extra on my insurance so they furnished me with a new rental vehicle. I should get my car by Christmas.

Thanks to all the members who suggested we have a speaker like Gary Fullerton to enlighten us on extended care. Now don't stop there. All suggestions for future speakers will be appreciated. I need all the help I can get. I am running out of ideas, and at my age it is a wonder I can remember my name. I was just thinking the other day I have been retired 24 years and boy has the time gone by fast. In 20 more years I'll hit the big 100 so I'll be looking for extended care benefits and a good seeing eye dog. God, it's hell to get old.

See ya, and remember, better get extended care. Remember our next luncheon will be in the fall, October 8, 1997, to be exact. Mark your calendar for the second Wednesday in October. If you get lost, call me: Loyd Yandle, 909-925-4491.

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Prescott Area Blue Line Third Annual BBQ and Roundup

Saturday June 7, 1997, 1300 hours
Goldwater Lake, Prescott, Arizona

All Retired, Active and Our Friends

Goldwater Lake turned out to be a great location for our barbecue last year, so we're having it there again this year. The response was also great last year with over 100 of L.A.'s finest in attendance. We still had more food and "refreshments" than could be handled. Maybe the older we get the wiser we get - Nah.

We're a week ahead of Prescott's Territorial Days, so room reservations shouldn't be a problem. The weekend starts with a big arts and craft show at the Courthouse Square. When you purchase your tickets you will be sent lodging and activities information.

Picnic starting time is 1300 hours. Cost is \$15 per person, kids free. The meal, beer, wine, and soda are included. Make checks payable to "PBL" and mail it to Gene Lyon, P.O. Box 12211, Prescott, Arizona 86304-2211.

Our famous mixed doubles horseshoe contest will be held again. Trophies for 1st and 2nd place. Also door prizes will be given away throughout the day.

Any questions, just ask your friendly committee members. See you on June 7th.

Gene Lyon	520-717-1130
Ken & Kathy Hamilton	520-717-2397
Tony & Todd Pfalzgraf	520-776-8599; 520-778-4202 (work)
Chuck & Nelda Agrusa	520-717-1659
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Sierra Nevada Retired Blue Line Association

Dear Friends and Members:

We have high hopes of getting David Gamble to be our guest speaker at our June dinner and meeting. Judge Gamble is a no-nonsense judge and a few months ago ordered a mother to spank her teenage son. This brought mixed reactions from the area, but we feel "most" law enforcement persons think a spanking given in moderation and love when this boy was younger could have gone a long way to keeping him out of the court system.

Judge Gamble is known now not only as a "tough on crime judge," but also "the spanking judge." We hope to see a good turnout to welcome him.

WHEN: Saturday, June 21, 1997
WHERE: Carson Nugget (upstairs)
COST: \$14.25 per person
TIME: 6:30 p.m. until ???

Please make your checks payable to Janet Morton and mail by June 10th to: Janet Morton, P.O. Box 1331, Carson City, NV 89702. Her telephone number is 702-267-4589.

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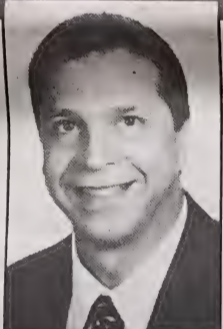
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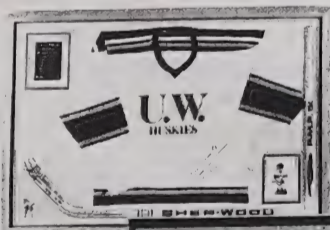
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AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



Meeting: 3rd Tuesday,
7:00 P.M.
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by Charlie Meter

Commander
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by Charlie Meter

Farewell Brian Matthews

On March 25, 1997, I went to the Police Academy to attend to some personal business. While leaving, I came across two friends that informed me they were there to attend a retirement function for Brian Matthews. I immediately made an about-face and proceeded to the function to share in the honoring of Brian. I had worked Van Nuys Division with Brian and considered him to be one of the best street cops I had ever known. I always considered him a loyal and conscientious friend. While working with Brian, he told me that he wanted to work the Bomb Squad. He had obtained his expertise working with Ordnance in the Service. Naturally, I was concerned for his safety, but I wished him nothing but the best when he departed for his new assignment. Brian received a bomb call, and while responding he became involved in an extremely serious traffic accident. His injuries prevented him from returning to the job and an assignment that he truly loved. Brian gave our department 19 years of loyal, dedicated service. The reason I and many others didn't know about the retirement party was because he wanted to keep it "small." Typical Brian! Dennis Zine (Vice President of the Protective League) was the Master of Ceremonies. Dignitaries like our good friend Councilwoman Laura Chick and others were in attendance to honor Brian. Deputy Chief Piersol was the ranking Department representative. While being honored, I watched Brian's wife Andrea and their sons Kevin and James. You could tell how proud they were by their beaming smiles. I saw over 17 plaques and certificates from every governmental agency you could think of. Brian deserved every tribute he received during the heart-rending ceremony. Thanks, Brian, for always making my day better, for the laughs, and for the fond memories that will never recede. You were a great officer, but above all, you had many friends. Thanks for letting me be one of them. Your void will never be

filled. We all wish you and your family the best.

Memorial Day

Many people will pack their cars, put the family in them, and celebrate the three-day Memorial Day weekend at some recreational area without giving a thought to what Memorial Day stands for. The good Lord be willing, I will again spend the month of May on the beautiful island of Maui. On the north-central portion of the island, away from your typical tourist spots, is a small town called Makawao. I will pay my respects to our fallen comrades by going to a remote area called the 4th Marine Division Memorial Park. It is surrounded by pine trees, void of people, with only the sound of the wind. Three flags blow in the warm tropical breeze -- the flag of Hawaii, the American flag, and the Marine flag. Underneath these flags is a monument with the outline of four islands -- Roi-Namur, Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima. There are no structures to indicate that the entire 4th Marine Division once occupied this very spot as a training base for the infamous battles that would take place at Roi-Namur, Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima. You can close your eyes and envision rows and rows of tents, thousands of men and their equipment, training to go to those remote islands where they would fight and die for their country. Some would be maimed for life by the ravages of war, and the lucky ones would not wear the Purple Heart medal. You get an eerie feeling by envisioning a vast military complex as you sit in this beautiful mountain area with nothing to indicate that an entire division had once been there with the exception of those three proud flags. A short distance away is a reminder of what that division went through. Maui Veteran's Cemetery consists of Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine personnel that gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. I will again walk between those military graves and read the many names of those fallen heroes. You can't help but wonder how they died and note how young

they were as they fell that final time on a sandy atoll. All ages, different services, Jewish, Catholic, Protestant, that knew what duty, honor, and country stood for. They gave their lives defending those sacred words. Many of them trained at the 4th Marine Division Memorial Park location never realizing that they would be buried a few miles away. We celebrate Memorial Day because the men and women that are buried on that sacred ground preserved the right that we and our children live in peace. A plaque in Maui Veteran's Cemetery reads: "In honor of all who made the supreme sacrifice that righteousness and freedom of our land be preserved for all humanity." May our fallen comrades rest in peace with our humble gratitude for their ultimate sacrifice. The above is what Memorial Day should mean to all Americans.

Another Perfect Class

On March 17, 1997, Gail Tam and I met with recruit class #3-97, and told them about the merits of joining our American Legion Post. After the smoke had cleared, we found that we were perfect with fourteen out of fourteen joining our ranks. We had four Navy, one Air Force, three Marines, and the Army gets the gold star with six. Top rank was Pete Sinclair, 1st Lieutenant, Army. His fellow veterans were Ricardo Martinez (Army), Gerardo Mejia (Army), Gabriel Cabrera (Army), Samuel Jones (Army), Kevin Gonzales (Army), Nicholas Abbinanti (Navy), Lowell Ferreira (Navy), Timothy Morris (Navy), Troy Pearson (Navy), Jason Acevedo (Air Force), Cesar Huevo (USMC), Ricardo Acevedo (USMC), and Arturo Siguenas (USMC). On behalf of approximately 2,100 active and retired officers of our Los Angeles Police Post, we sincerely welcome you and look forward to meeting you on a personal basis. Thanks for supporting the many veterans that are not as fortunate as we are.

Sheriffs Hosted

On March 18th, we held our annual joint meeting with Sheriff's Star Post 309 in Santa Fe Springs. It was a long drive for most of us, but it was well worth the trip. Our Post was well represented, and we outnumbered the hosting Sheriffs by 2 to 1. Art Zuhike and Peter Manos served an excellent meal that consisted of lasagna with all the trimmings. This annual meeting is always special to us, as there is a close rapport between the Sheriffs and our Police Post. It was an evening of mutual admiration, lots of laughs, and the consumption of a few beers. Our good friend Jim Higuera (4th Area Vice Commander) at-

tended the festivities. Jim is well respected for his avid support of our Police Post. Our longtime Finance/Judge Advocate Officer Hal Yarnell was honored and presented with a certificate recognizing his 50 active years in the American Legion. Words can't express our admiration of Hal for his hard work and dedication. He means a lot to us not only as a "hands-on" leader but also as a friend. Congratulations, Hal! The Sheriffs invited us to their 55th Annual Memorial Tree Planting Ceremony and Dinner. As usual, it will be held on May 28, at 1700 hours, at the Pitchess Honor Rancho, 29310 "The Old Road," Castaic. They will honor John Premmer, Sr. I'll guarantee a fun evening. For further information, contact Art Zuhike at (310) 902-9454.

San Fernando Valley Korea Marine Corps

On March 29, 1997, the San Fernando Valley Korea Marine Corps invited our Post to a dinner reception celebrating their second anniversary. The San Fernando Valley is the newest of four different chapters. They installed retired Second Lieutenant Heeman Lee as their incoming president. The ceremony started with the singing of our National Anthem followed by the South Korean Anthem. Being a new chapter (Post), they have asked our Police Post to assist them with advice regarding the many organizational problems confronting a new organization. They are deeply involved in community policing and service to the public. They honored one of their former Marines for catching a burglar and subduing him with his bare hands. I was honored that they think enough of our Post to seek our advice and form a bond with us that all veteran groups should have. They are extremely pro-police with values that make them not only good citizens but good Americans.

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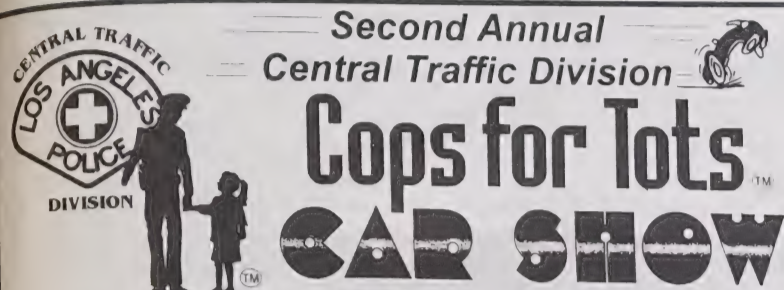
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The two groups, who track police fatalities throughout the year, reported that 117 federal, state and local law enforcement officers died in the line of duty during 1996, which is the lowest total in nearly 40 years. The last time the number of police deaths reached such a low level for a single year was in 1960 when an identical number of officers were killed. This year's figure represents a 30 percent decline from the 162 law enforcement fatalities that occurred in 1995. Up until 1996, the average number of officers killed on an annual basis during the past 10 years was 166.

For the third straight year, California was the deadliest state in the nation for the law enforcement profession, with 13 police fatalities. California was followed by New York with eight deaths, Louisiana and Ohio with seven each, and Georgia with six. There were also six federal law enforcement officers



killed in 1996. Of the 117 officers who died in 1996, 61 were killed by felonious assault (55 by firearm), and 56 died from accidental causes while on duty, such as automobile and aircraft crashes.

NLEOMF chairman Craig W. Floyd credited the substantial reduction in police deaths to "more and better trained officers on the street, the increased use of bullet resistant vests, and a substantial reduction in the number of firearm-related fatalities."

Despite the major drop in police deaths this year, COPS president Sharon Felton, representing nearly 8,000 surviving law enforcement families nationwide, cautioned that "the police profession continues to be among the most dangerous in America today. One officer is killed nearly every other day, and for every officer killed, hundreds more are assaulted and injured."

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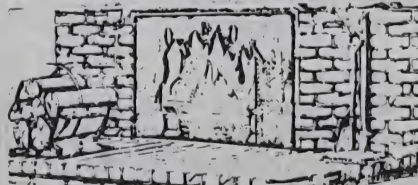
Ticket orders must be in the office by April 25, 1997 so that we will be sure to order sufficient food for all in attendance. Tickets are to be picked up at the meeting.

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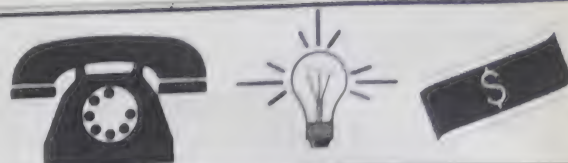
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Los Angeles Police Emerald Society 1997 Schedule

May 7th - Meeting

May 12th-15th National Police Week, Washington, D.C.

May 13th-14th National Conference Law Enforcement Emerald Societies Conference, Washington, D.C.

June 4th - Meeting

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September 10th - Meeting

October 8th - Meeting

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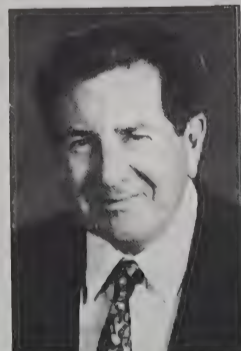
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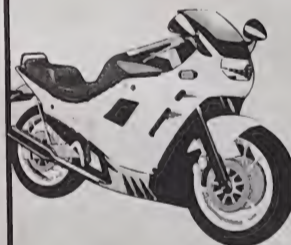
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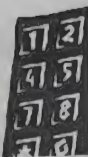
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One Woman's Perspective

by Mary Elizabeth (Liz) Hatter,
LAPD #24691

April 8, 1997

I am a Los Angeles Police Department (L.A.P.D.) Officer who is in the process of suing the City of Los Angeles, the L.A.P.D., and several of the L.A.P.D.'s supervisory and command officers. Thanks to the Los Angeles Times and the Los Angeles Daily News for their accurate, but a bit disappointing in their lack of ferocity, reporting of my (and other female officers) continuing "traumas," excuse me, I meant to say, "sagas." These stories need to be totally exposed, shredded to the bone, and the entire ugly truth must be torn open and exposed to the readers; i.e. taxpayers. Hit hard, knocked out, bloodied; down to the mat. Finished. Hit hard enough to figuratively cut the jugular.

Chief Willie Williams (I am not an apologist for the man) never ever had a viable chance to succeed -- with most of his craven, salivating, knife-sharpening cabal of staff and command officers -- The Bob Vernon-Daryl Gates "Do as I say, not as I do" bible-thumping, back stabbing, arrogant, integrity and ethically-challenged, lock-step group-think mindless automations already colluding, huddled, and plotting his demise before his plane touched down in Los Angeles. Cowards.

I have begged and sought relief -- following all appropriate protocol and venues within the L.A.P.D. -- nothing ever worked, nothing ever worked, nothing ever worked. I sought relief for years from these same cowardly, grovelling, misogynistic sycophants; seeking help and relief from and for the discrimination, defamation, sexual and gender harassment (abuse, actually), threats, hatred, and overall horrible work environments that flourished under the commands of these officers; environments I endured for far too long and, in retrospect, at far too great a personal price. I was assigned to Foothill Division pre-Rodney King. I believe this situation -- that place was a miasma and trouble waiting to happen -- kind of clarifies how terrible things were then. Under the type of supervisory personnel (especially the captains there at that time), that place was a powder keg with a short fuse. Then it all blew up. I was happy to see it happen, quite frankly.

Anyway -- the relief I sought was never forthcoming. No one in charge listened, no one cared, no one in charge put an end to it. I was constantly told I was the problem, not those around me exhibiting the abusive behavior (some of it illegal) or committing these offenses. I had better adjust; I was causing all the problems and trouble, and I had better "shut up and quit my trouble-making."

I was told several times I would be fired and I was not fit to "be a Los Angeles Police Officer," or to "wear the badge," or "I'll have you fired,

Hatter!" The excellent and outstanding written performance reviews continued to be served to me, all of course, in complete contrast with the verbal abuse and defamation I was daily bombarded with. Now which is it, guys?? Year after year, month after month, week after week, day after day, shift after shift, hour after hour, interminable minute after minute.

But instead of receiving help, redress, and change by rooting out and destroying all the onerous, unlawful behavior that myself and many other qualified female officers were exposed to and had militantly, woops, excuse me, I mean vocally addressed, I was the target of yet more severe, more frequent debilitating defamation, and "pencil-screwing," and far, far, far, far-reaching telephone conversations; always:

1. conducted in shadowy darkness; always,
2. clandestine; always,
3. insidious; always,
4. defamatory, mendacious, one-sided, and mean-spirited.

"Watch out for this troublemaking (expletive) lie, (expletive) lie, (expletive) lie, Hatter!!!"

I was ruined, shunned, slandered, and vilified before I ever put on my uniform for the first time in a new division. Never knew what hit me; never knew what had blind sided me. Never had a chance, never knew what hit me. Cowards.

Well, I got to be hated and years ago, at that point, I realized my career had crashed and burned. Just like the Valujet in the Everglades. Perfect parallel -- perfect example of what has happened to my career. My personal life was, and is now, destroyed. How naive I was to believe that being articulate, assertive, tenacious, and intolerant of cowardice, sexism, and gross abuses of authority -- never backing down when I was right -- how confused and naive I was to think that these very traits (attributes) which I thought the L.A.P.D. would want (and need) in an officer would lead to my professional ruin.

Contrary to what they themselves so arrogantly and stupidly believe, a leader is not made because he passes a stupid, arbitrary, rigged, unfairly administered and unfairly structured promotional exam. I always ended up at the bottom of all these oral test interviews -- gee, wonder why??? I am demanding an investigation into why I did not make sergeant on the 1995 list. I want all the oral tapes listened to -- and I want rational, objective, intelligent people to listen to my taped oral interview, look me in the face, and explain to me why I ended up in the bottom 50 out of 500 people??? I have asked Deputy Chief Gascon and Councilman Nate Holden why. I was so discriminated against -- and I was far more than worthy to be promoted. I want an investigation -- why were white males beating me left and right??? The L.A.P.D. (City) cannot not promote me if they hate me and want to be punitive because I am a "troublemaker." It was 100% pure discrimination -- and I won't let it rest. Ever. Ever. Ever. A leader is a

woman (or man) regardless of rank, who will challenge the system, the status quo, in my case the L.A.P.D., and fight the good fight -- never, ever wavering or quitting. That is a leader. A P-2 (Police Officer Rank) in the L.A.P.D. is not necessarily a P-2 on life's scale. You L.A.P.D. staff and command officers had better realize you are not necessarily leaders on life's scale -- when that uniform comes off at the end of the day. As a matter of fact, you usually are not. Stars, bars, stripes do not automatically confer leadership. If you (collectively) believe you have the respect of the rank-and-file officers, you do not; you're being laughed at and disrespected by most of us. And rightly so.

Assistant Chief Bernard Parks (please hear this, Mr. Police Commission President Raymond Fisher) is a true leader, a class act, and is the epitome of a fighter for just causes. He has the support of many female officers (males also, of course) who have been completely screwed over by the L.A.P.D. No one else cares. Chief Parks is the only person in management who ever, ever listened to me and other women officers I have personally referred to him. He has initiated personnel complaints and has reopened those that the L.A.P.D. had kissed off (to protect the "good old boys"). I telephoned Chief Parks every single time I hear that some supervisor (usually captains, I have found from my experiences) even commits an inkling of misconduct, usually regarding treatment of female officers. It's great to see these supervisors now finding themselves the objects of personnel complaints, transfers, disruptions of their personal and professional lives, etc. What goes around...

The citizens (taxpayers) who have responded to the print media on this issue of sexual -- usually more gender harassment -- really people, think people, think more in terms of women haters, not necessarily sexual harassers (don't get me wrong -- there is plenty of sexual harassment being committed). Some of these citizens (taxpayers) just do not get "it." Some of these sheltered citizens just do not fully understand "it."

This is not just about some commanding officer referring to me as "Hey, Babe," this incident is just the tip of the iceberg, 99% of which one cannot see and one could never hope to comprehend if the focus is solely on the "Hey, Babe" type issues. On its own merit, on face value, this incident is fairly benign -- disrespectful, offensive, and unprofessional -- but relatively benign. The 99% of which is not always visible to the citizens (taxpayers) consists of verbal abuse, untenable, irrational, mind-boggling promotional practices, harassment, discrimination (not because you're not qualified -- only because you're hated and they're illegally denying qualified people well-earned promotions), character assassination, cruel defamation, and most pathetically -- loss of any and all promotional opportunities. This issue alone only applies arbitrarily -- it depends on how firmly

entrenched one is in the "good old boy" system. If you're one of them, they tend to look the other way; if you are not one of them, your career path takes strange, arbitrary stalls and nosedives. Crashes then burns. Valujet. It does not matter how extensive a complaint history or how egregious an act you have committed -- it's all O.K. -- if you are one of them.

Anyway, continuing -- resulting finally with the destruction of careers, finances, families, souls.

I hope some of you people kind of get "it" better now. Dodging bullets and barroom brawls were never my sources of fear. Dodging (or trying to dodge) bullets and knives in the back -- from my own department -- was always my biggest fear and challenge. Getting just so many wounds in the back year after year (no, I never had the dubious courtesy of actually seeing a knife approach me from the front -- well, again -- getting ambushed, expending an inordinately high amount of energy dodging and deflecting -- let me tell you -- that is the stuff I feared, dreaded, and was ruined by. Cowards.

We in the Women's Movement and the Civil Rights Movement, and especially myself, of course, will never shut up or stop making lives and careers miserable until the L.A.P.D. management knocks off its specious rhetoric about all the progress it has made with women's issues. A nice, pretty, glittering present with shiny satin bows-woops-nothing in there, sorry.

Assistant Chief Parks, for the next Chief of Police, please! Taxpayers must demand this of the Police Commission and City Council. He will not tolerate the still firmly entrenched discrimination that, regardless of the hackneyed, pathetic, laughable rhetoric still being spewed out from our L.A.P.D. management to the public (taxpayers)-hint, hint, that we are so sick and tired of hearing, that discrimination and gender hostility are still alive and kicking within the L.A.P.D.

Will any of testosterone-challenged men, excuse me, males, please be man enough to deal with me to my face??? (Really, I have no more room for one more knife wound to the back.) I have the guts to go public and name names (it's been at great professional and personal ruin), why don't you??? You all (nervously) know who you are, and you know I know who you are. Cowards.

The media really needs to look into the past several years (at least) of Internal Affairs complaints. They will find-surprise, surprise-grossly egregious disparities in punishments meted out. You know, again, the "good old boy" thing of protecting each other and hurting and hating anything (person) who is not a white male. Some of us have taken relatively the same penalties as:

1. proven helacious liars,
2. aiders and abettors to serious felons,

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Response to Commander McBride Controversy

To: James K. Hahn, City Attorney
Re: My Client: Kristine Kenney
Dear Mr. Hahn:

I represent Los Angeles Police Officer Kristine Kenney. Sergeant Kenney is a complaining witness against Commander Timothy McBride in his disciplinary proceedings.

On April 10, 1997 at approximately 5:00 p.m. Sergeant Kenney was advised that her charges against Commander McBride had been dismissed by Chief Willie Williams. Sergeant Kenney and myself were both advised that the charges were dropped due to information provided by the City Attorney's Office. Lieutenant Rick Smith informed me that Assistant City Attorney David Hotchkiss had advised Chief Williams that the comments made by Commander McBride to Sergeant Kenney were protected by way of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. If the comments are indeed protected by the Constitution, then when officers are accused of same conduct, their charges should not go forward.

These sexually demeaning and harassing comments cannot be protected under the First Amendment.

There was also a second reason for dropping the charges, that neither party knew the other was a police officer. My client knew the second most visible person on the department Commander Timothy McBride. This was a Police Historical Society function. The fact that Commander McBride may not have known the person to whom he addressed the comments was an officer should have no bearing.

Asking a civilian to share a hotel room and making comments about a person's looks cannot be tolerated in the manner in which they were spoken.

Commander McBride did the alleged acts in front of Mary Elizabeth Hatter. He made the comments to further demean Officer Hatter.

I would ask you to clarify the reason for the dismissal of Sergeant Kenney's charges. Further, please reconsider your office's advice to Chief Williams concerning this matter. The department is trying to recruit more women for the ranks of the LAPD. Women officers cannot be subjected to this type of harassment and then have the charges swept under the carpet.

The Board gave us until Friday, April 18, 1997 to try and have the charges reinstated. Please let me know what action you will take to rectify this injustice.

Very truly yours,
Law Offices of Lawrence J. Hanna
Lawrence J. Hanna

cc: Chief Willie Williams, Councilwoman Jackie Goldberg, Los Angeles Police Protective League, Los Angeles Police Commission, The media

(Editors Note: As a Director of the L.A. Police Protective League representing over 9,000 rank and file members, including Sgt. Kristine Kenney and Ofcr. Liz Hatter, I was present on Friday, April 18, 1997 as the Board of Rights for Cmdr. McBride began. I can report the "dropped" charges relating to Sgt. Kenney were not reinstated and that Cmdr. McBride was acquitted of the charges relating to Ofcr. Hatter. Of course, I expected the acquittal since the accused and two thirds of the Board of Rights panel are members of the Command Officers Association. Judged by your peers? I suppose. But I wonder if accused League members will ever be judged by other League members. Not to worry. The Police Commission and the Office of the Inspector General are working to eliminate the double standard. Don't hold your breath.)

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One Woman's Perspective

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3. insurance fraud perpetrators (thieves), etc.

This list goes on ad infinitum, ad nauseam. It will not take too much investigating. I demand answers. I'll make sure the citizens (taxpayers) hear the truth about where their tax dollars are going.

Taxpayers, listen up. Please demand answers! \$Millions\$ of your hard-earned dollars are being shelled out to keep walking civil liabilities on the job and to drive out those of us who will collect Worker's Compensation benefits, pensions, and generous \$\$lawsuit settlements. The bad guys stay (and cost the city money with their racist, sexist, brutal practices) and the qualified cost-effective women are driven out. What's wrong with this picture??? Nothing in the L.A.P.D.'s opinion. You must demand changes.

Thanks to the endemic, systemic sexist behavior that is pervasive in and tolerated by L.A.P.D. management, lots of us women are receiving

generous Worker's Comp. and pension settlements, and really lucrative lawsuit judgments!!! You're paying for our vacations!!! It just dawned on me-why am I upset with the L.A.P.D?? I just realized-Thanks, guys!! Just get your heads out of the sewer long enough to clean up, clear your muddled 1950's era-thinking, and start explaining to the taxpayers your longstanding, bungling policy screw-ups that have long ripped off the taxpayers. Mary Elizabeth (Liz) Hatter

P.S. I am hated because I tell it the way it really is. The L.A.P.D. management will tolerate deadly, illegal use of force more readily than a vocal, irritating gadfly of a female officer.

(Editor's Note: There has always been a strong perception of a double standard in regard to discipline. Sometimes it involves race or ethnicity, sometimes it involves rank and file vs. brass, and sometimes it relates to gender. The Police Commission and the Inspector General have promised to rectify this perception. We'll see.)

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The Career Development Center announces the following information related to examinations and seminars:

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Sergeant candidates should continue to check the Career Hotline for information regarding the official bibliography, examination filing, and updates on seminars being held. To date, LALEY and LAWPOA are offering a series of seminars on Wednesday evenings and Oscar Joel Bryant seminars are on Thursday evenings. Specific information on seminar topics is recorded on the Career Hotline.

The Career Development Center has an updated copy of all materials which were listed in the last sergeant examination bibliography. A copy of all materials in the new bibliography will also be maintained at the Center on Lake Street. Materials to purchase will

be available as soon as possible following the official release of the bibliography. Announcements will be made by teletype to each watch commander and will be recorded on the hotline.

A Career Seminar for recruits, probationers, and those with five years or less in the Department, will be held on Saturday, June 21, 1997 from 0830 to 1230 hours. Seminar panelists will provide participants with information regarding successful strategies for passing probation and other career issues.

The Career Development Center hotline number operates 24 hours a day and can be reached at (213) 207-3000. Call the same number for appointments or information during the hours 0700-1600. The Career Development Center is located at the training center on Lake Street, 227 N. Lake Street, Los Angeles. A satellite center is located at the Westchester Recruit Training Center and may be reached at (310) 342-3172.

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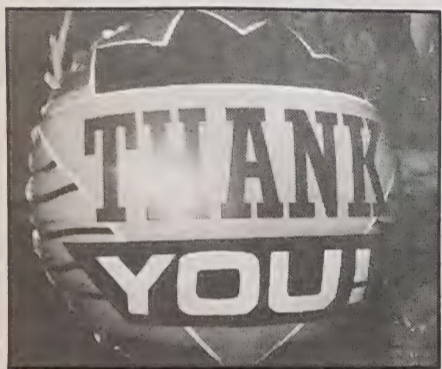
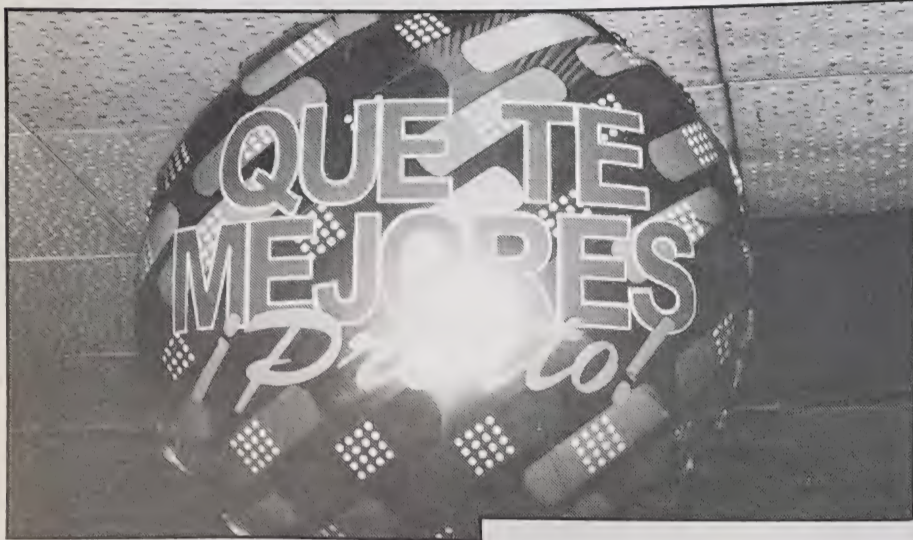


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Community appreciation is demonstrated for LAPD officers involved in North Hollywood shootout.

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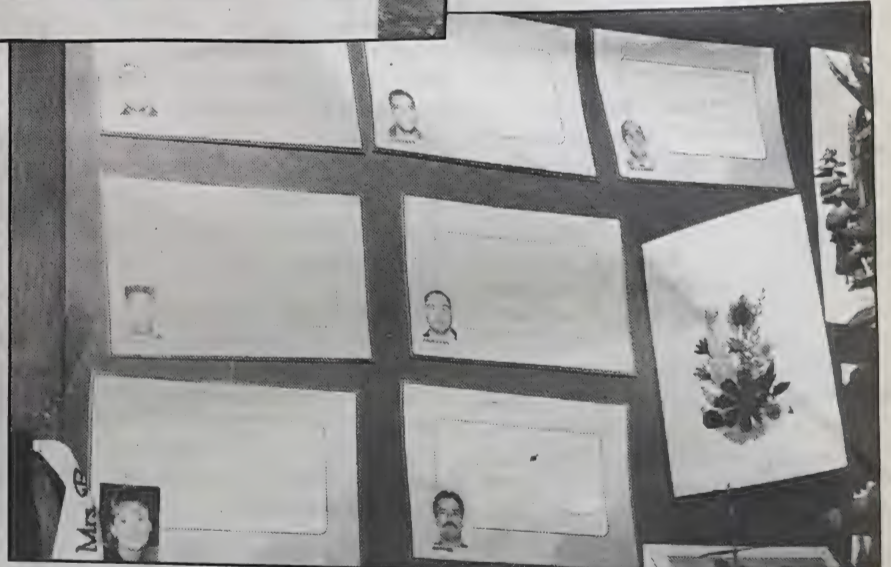
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Pension Perspectives

City of Los Angeles

Department of Pensions

Important Notice! Please Read Carefully: Pension benefit changes affecting Article 35 members and health subsidy changes affecting all members!

Charter Amendment 3 passes, current Article 35 members must make a choice about their pension benefits.

On April 8, 1997, the voters of the City of Los Angeles enacted Charter Amendment "3" affecting the pension benefits of all sworn Firefighters and Police Officers of Article 35. The amendment calls for the creation of "Plan II" in Article 35 of the City Charter. Under the provisions of Plan II members hired between December 8, 1980 and June 30, 1997 will have one year to make an irrevocable choice to move into Plan II. Members hired on or after July 1, 1997 will automatically become members of Plan II. Plan II offers retirement benefits after 20 years of service with no minimum age requirement, also referred to as, "20 and out." The Charter amendment also changes the definition of hazard pay for calculating pensions for both current Article 35 members and Plan II members retiring on or after July 1, 2000.

The City Council will adopt an ordinance that will change health insurance subsidies for all pensioners who retire on or after July 1, 1998. Below are some general questions and answers to help understand the impact of the changes on members.

Q. What is Plan II?

A. Plan II is a section of the Article 35 pension plan that provides alternative pension benefits:

- 1) Service pension after 20 years of service, regardless of age;
- 2) Non-refundability of member contributions for members who resign or are terminated regardless of years of service. This applies to all accumulated contributions both prior to and after the date of membership in Plan II.

All other provisions of Article 35 apply to Plan II members, including the 8% member contribution and the service retirement formula -- 2% for each year of service up to 20 years and 3% thereafter up to a maximum of 70%. Disability and survivor and health insurance subsidy benefits are also the same.

Q. Who will automatically become a member of Plan II?

A. Any member of the Police or Fire Department hired (or rehired after a break in service) on or after July 1, 1997.

Q. Who can transfer into Plan II?

A. Any member of the Police or Fire Department hired between December 8, 1980 and June 30, 1997 who is currently a member of Article 35 or will become a member following graduation from the Academy.

Q. When can I transfer to Plan II?

A. During the one year period July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998. Members on active military service during this period will have 90 days from the date of their return to active duty or June 30, 1998, which-

ever is later. A transfer application and additional information will be sent to you prior to July 1.

Q. What happens if I do not transfer within this time period?

A. You will remain in the current Article 35 Plan which provides for service retirement after 10 years of service and a minimum age of 50.

Q. Are there members who would not benefit by transferring to Plan II?

A. A) Those of you who became members after age 30 will reach 20 years of service after age 50 so it would not be to your advantage to transfer and you would give up the possibility of a refund of contributions. Under the current Article 35 plan you can retire with 10 years of service at age 50.

B) Members who have definite plans to leave the Police or Fire Department prior to attaining 20 years of service should not transfer to Plan II because they would forfeit their contributions upon resignation.

C) Members who are divorced and whose former spouse has a community property interest in their accumulated contributions may incur a financial risk if they resign or are terminated prior to reaching 20 years of service. The member may be liable for paying their former spouses' interest in contributions that have been forfeited.

Q. Will my spouse/former spouse have to sign the application to transfer to Plan II?

A. Your current spouse will have to sign the application. Former spouses will not have to sign but members should check divorce judgments to determine if they contain any restrictions that would require further court action prior to the member transferring to Plan II.

Q. How will the Charter change affect the way prior hazard pay is included in Final Average Salary?

A. Currently there are certain circumstances when hazard pay is included in the pension base. If you

are not working a hazard pay position during the entire 12 month period used to calculate your Final Average Salary, you can receive credit for hazard pay previously earned. Current Article 35 provisions limit this credit to members who retire from the same rank in which the hazard pay was earned. The new provision will allow prior hazard pay to be included in your pension base even if you promote to a higher rank -- up through the rank of Captain in the Fire Department or Lieutenant in the Police Department. *The change applies to all members of Article 35, both current members and those in Plan II, who retire on or after July 1, 2000.*

City Council to pass ordinance affecting all Firefighters and Police Officers retiring on or after July 1, 1998

Now that the voters have passed Charter Amendment 3, the City Council will pass an ordinance changing all members' health subsidy benefits regardless of the Article they belong to. The following questions and answers will help to explain the changes.

Q. Do I have to be a member of Plan II to be eligible for the changes in health insurance subsidies?

A. No. The health subsidy changes will apply to all members who retire on or after July 1, 1998 from the Article 18 Plan, current Article 35 Plan and Article 35 Plan II.

Q. What is the health subsidy change?

A. The ordinance will lower eligibility for the current age 60 subsidy to age 55 and will allow members with 10-19 years of service to begin to receive a subsidy at age 55.

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Article 35 Pension Change Approved By The Voters!!

by Jim Cansler, #22757

That's right, everyone hired after December 8, 1980 can now retire after 20 years of service and immediately start receiving pension benefits. You no longer have to wait to age 50. Another change to pension was that hazard duty pension benefits are now consistent with Article 18 pension benefits (employees hired prior to December 15, 1980 are under Article 18). Finally, because the ballot measure passed (Proposition 3), an ordinance change will be made in which all members, both Article 18 and 35, will receive fully subsidized medical at age 55 if they served 25 years of service. If an employee does 20 years of service, they will receive 80% medical subsidy at age 55. The League will provide further details on all these changes that no doubt benefit all the members and their families.

I want to take a moment and thank a number of people who greatly assisted in getting to where we are today -- celebrating a long overdue change in the Article 35 Pension.

All these people were extremely influential and dedicated a lot of their own time to achieve the above noted pension changes. If you should see them, please take the time and say thank you and believe me they deserve it. I also would like to say that the Directors who were involved in the Pension Ad Hoc Committee always kept in mind the welfare of the entire membership and for that they should be congratulated.

Here are the hard workers who made a difference for everyone's benefit:

Tom Anderson (West L.A.)
Manny Belmonte (Traffic Coordination)
Ken Buzzell (President, United Firefighters of Los Angeles City)
Ramon Espinosa (North Hollywood)
Mitzi Grasso (Van Nuys)
Dave Hepburn (President, Los Angeles Police Protective League)
Ken Koch (West Traffic Division)
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Seeking Self-Esteem

"I'm not good enough...if only I were funnier, smarter, ten pounds thinner..." This isn't modesty. It's low self-esteem, and it can keep you from achieving your goals.

Your self-esteem determines your ability to cope with the problems of day-to-day living and to stand up for your own interests, needs, and happiness. Self-esteem affects virtually every aspect of your life. How you feel about yourself plays a major part in determining your professional success, how comfortable you are in social situations, how you interact in relationships, and more.

We're not born with self-esteem, and it can't be acquired through worldly success or good looks. It develops with time and life experience. Those who receive positive feedback as children tend to be confident in their abilities and therefore more likely to achieve their goals. Equally, a negative self-image can carry over into adulthood.

Symptoms of Low Self-Esteem

Low self-esteem can show itself in many ways:

- Loneliness, anger or guilt
- Self-criticism
- Difficulty handling praise or criticism
- Blaming others for your problems
- Overeating or drinking
- Being a perfectionist
- Procrastinating
- Fear of taking risks

Learning to Feel Better About Yourself

Although a damaged self-image isn't easy to repair, everyone has the potential to change. Here are some places to start:

- Do something for yourself daily. It may just mean taking a little time for something you love, like reading or putting in the garden.
- Take risks. We grow through facing our fears. The feeling of success from even a small accomplishment can inspire optimism and an urge to move ahead.
- Take care of your body. Don't use food or alcohol to deal with emotional pain. This just pushes feelings away and compounds the problem you're avoiding.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help. Whether it's just talking with a friend or seeking professional help, talking with someone else can help you gain a clearer, more positive picture of yourself and your situation.

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by V.P. Lita Abella

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Sergeant Seminars - The LAWPOA-LALEY sergeant seminars have been a great success. Over 100 people have attended the seminars and have found the information very useful in their study program. The seminars will continue every Wednesday at 1700 hours, at the PAB auditorium. It is free to all LAWPOA-LALEY members. For those of you studying for the P-3 test, look for seminar information and study materials in the H.R.B. notice which is published weekly. Good luck!

Lieutenant's List - Congratulations to all of the candidates that scored high on the current lieutenant's exam. Special congratulations to the following LAWPOA members who scored in the top 50 of the list: Sergeants Pat Findley, Nancy Lauer, Sharyn Buck, Debra McCarthy, LAWPOA Vice-President Anita McKeown, Gloria Vargas, and Detective Harold Hall.

National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives (NAWLEE) Conference - The second annual National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives (NAWLEE) Conference will be held August 21-24, 1997, in Boston, Massachusetts. The conference is geared toward female supervisors (lieutenants and above). LAWPOA will sponsor a member to this event. Contact the LAWPOA hotline at (213) 228-9199 for additional information.

LAWPOA Board and Membership

The LAWPOA membership continues to grow each month. Currently, LAWPOA has over 250 members. Our

members, both male and female, range from recruits in the Academy to the members of the command staff. Don't forget the dues were lowered to \$2 per payday and it should take place on the May paycheck.

Although the membership has increased, there were no members who expressed an interest in running for the Board of Directors positions that were available. Additionally, Detective Deborah Gonzalez, 2nd Vice President, voluntarily resigned her position. It was a mutual agreement by both the LAWPOA Board of Directors and Det. Gonzalez that her position as the Women's Liaison and a Board member was a conflict of interest. Furthermore, due to Deborah's hectic schedule and very busy job assignment, it was very hard for her to meet all the demands placed upon her. However, LAWPOA will continue to work with her and the many issues facing females on the Department. It was a pleasure working with Deborah and we are looking forward to maintaining a professional, as well as personal relationship with her. Thank you for all your hard work for LAWPOA!

In the last article I stated that LAWPOA would be the contact entity for maternity uniforms. I was advised by Grace Guadalupe, the Department Uniform Coordinator, that she maintains a list of maternity uniforms that an officer can borrow. The borrowed uniforms are from officers who have donated them to the Department. However, the selection is very, very small. If you are interested in buying or selling maternity uniforms, LAWPOA will advertise the information in the newsletter and the hotline.

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He is #1! Lt. Don Foster, #6538

Lt. Donald J. Foster is the senior active sworn officer on the Los Angeles Police Department. He has over 47 years of service. Chronologically, he is also the oldest (72+) active sworn member.

During World War II, Lt. Foster served his country by enlisting in the United States Navy. He served overseas in combat zones and was honorably discharged.

In 1950, Lt. Foster joined the Police Department and also enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve program. He once again served his country when his police career was briefly interrupted upon being called to active duty during the Berlin Crisis in 1961.

While assigned to a radio car early in his police career, Lt. Foster and his partner were instrumental in saving several children during a fire in a tenement building. He received the Police Department's highest award, the Medal of Valor, for his actions.

During his career, Lt. Foster has served in a myriad of assignments, including patrol, traffic control, vice, juvenile and five different detective divisions. He was also appointed as a Sergeant of Police. He is currently assigned to Robbery-Homicide Division, Rape Special Section. The rape investigations are often lengthy, complex and, above all, the victims must be given prime consideration due to the sensitivity of the offenses. Through his leadership, Lt. Foster ensures that well trained detectives sensitive to the victim's needs are selected to work the assignment. In 1995, Lt. Foster was nominated for the De-

partment's Management Achievement award.

For the past ten years, Lt. Foster has been assigned as the Acting Commanding Officer of Robbery-Homicide Division during the absence of the regularly assigned

Lt. Foster, although trained in the "older school" of police work, has been objective and farsighted enough to recognize the benefits of the changes and has encouraged his subordinates as well as himself to learn new skills and keep abreast

detectives. The community was well served as the volunteers were able to accomplish a number of routine tasks that allowed the detectives more time for field investigations.

Over the course of his career, Lt. Foster, on his off duty time, attended night courses at East Los Angeles College and Pepperdine University where he earned an Associate of Arts degree, a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master's degree in Public Administration. By accomplishing the academic aspects of an education and applying the principles learned, Lt. Foster is better prepared to serve the public in a professional manner.

Lt. Foster has also served the public well by using a minimum of sick time off over the span of 47 years. With the exception of time off for two major surgeries in 1964 and 1989, he has only used 15 sick days.

The above listed accomplishments and service to the public are some of the activities of Lt. Foster over the years. The mundane tasks, while very necessary to the accomplishment of the Department's mission, are too numerous to list. He is a professional in the true sense of the word, and, despite some physical adversities, has bounced back and remains a loyal, dedicated person to the Department and the citizens of Los Angeles.

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Robbery Homicide Watch Commander, Lieutenant Don Foster received a City Council Resolution commemorating his 47 years of service. Lieutenant Foster joined the Department on 2-1-50. Congratulations, Don!

commanding officer. As such, he is charged with responding to emergency call-outs at major crime scenes, keeping abreast of major incidents and maintaining the myriad of administrative functions that are necessary to keep an organization "on track." Lt. Foster, through his leadership, has demonstrated his ability to perform the tasks in a proficient manner.

The Department has undergone numerous changes during the past few years in the field of technology, i.e., computers, DNA testing, etc.

of things beneficial to the Department and thus to better serve the public.

Additional Achievements

While assigned to Wilshire Area Detective Division in 1975, when the City Volunteer Program was still in its early stages, Lt. Foster had the collateral duty of coordinating the work of 15 volunteers in the

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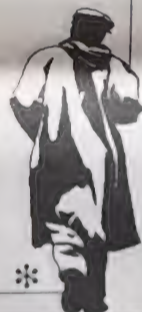
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Boot: An L.A.P.D.
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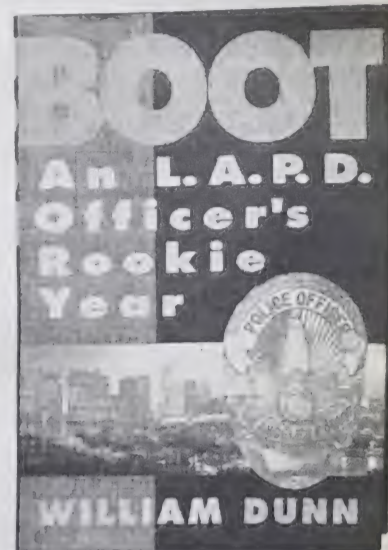
By William Dunn, Morrow,
\$23.00 (320 p.)

A short while back, an L.A.P.D. Sergeant friend of mine from West Los Angeles Division proudly told me one of his troops had written a book documenting his experiences, observations, disappointments and triumphs during his probationary period with our Police Department.

Up until this point, I had never heard of William Dunn. I found out Bill is a hometown guy who graduated from U.C.L.A., then tried the business world for a few years before finding the fascinating world of law enforcement. He is now a proven seven-year street veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department.

I read the book. What an inspiring piece of work! It doesn't matter if you are a big-city cop, do your policing in the suburbs, or enforce the law out in the boondocks, cops will love this superb, unforgettable account of young Billy Dunn coming of age as a police officer; learning his trade on the mean streets of South Central Los Angeles. The reader will feel Officer Dunn's anxieties on his first night of patrol, and will learn with him as he matriculates through a very demanding school of hard knocks. Veteran officers teach him very well about crime on the streets. Gangs, drugs, violence, and crime in general had been a foreign world to the rookie, but he learned quickly and he learned well.

And he learns more than just about crooks. He finds the vast majority of the citizens he is sworn to protect and serve



are good, honest, hard-working people who are being held hostage by brazen gangsters. He discovers that the stress, frustration, excitement, and job gratification shared by the Thin Blue Line has forged a strong bond amongst the men and women who daily strive to keep the predators from their prey.

This tome is a straight-from-the-heart, true-life account of police work from an honest man, and should be on the "must read" list for everyone, but particularly for those involved in law enforcement and the administration of justice.

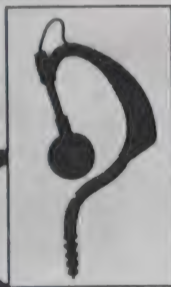
Although this book focuses on the Southwest Division and the great cops who work there, it reflects well on the entire Department and law enforcement in general. Especially touching is the fact that Police Officer William Dunn has dedicated his first literary endeavor to slain L.A.P.D. Officers Tina Kerbrat and Christy Hamilton, two young cops cut down early in their careers in separate incidents a few years back.

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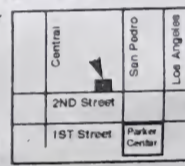
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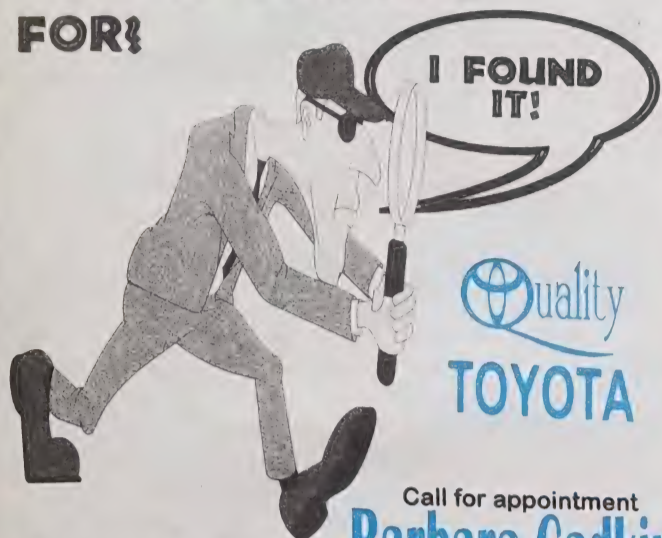
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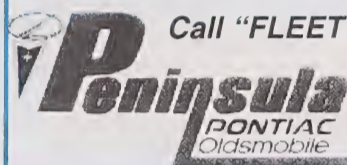
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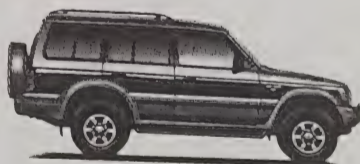
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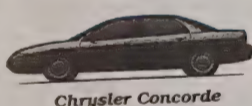
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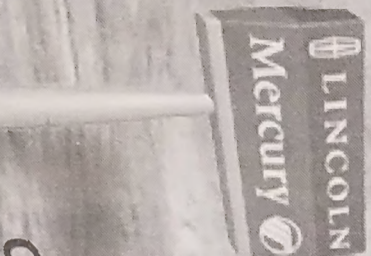
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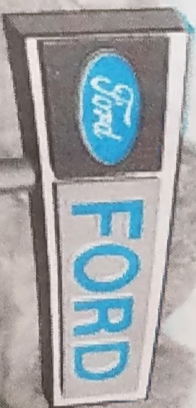
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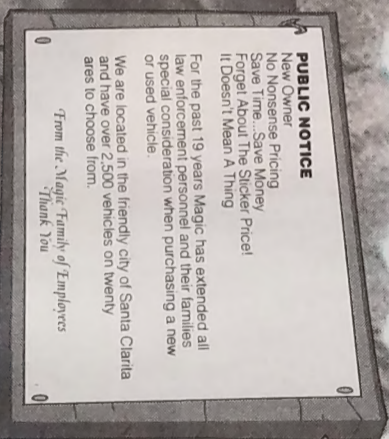
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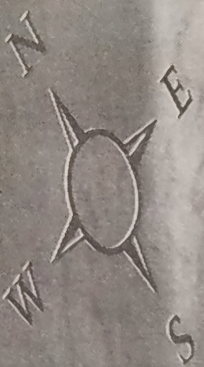
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